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## Editor's Comment

This issue of the Regimental journal is the Centennial Issue as it chronicles the Regiment's activities during our 100th year of existence. With the publication of *Dragoon* and the rediscovery of some of the fascinating incidents in the Regiment's past, we thought it appropriate to reach back for a name for this journal. In 1922 the first journal was published under the title *The Goat* and, for this issue, the Centennial Issue, we offer our readers *The Goat*.

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### COLONELS OF THE REGIMENT

MGen C.C. Mann, CBE, DSO, CD (Honorary Colonel 1949-1958)	1958-1964
Brig H.A. Philips, OBE, CE	1964-1970
BGen E.A.C. Amy, DSO, OBE, MC, CD	1970-1975
Col M.H. Bateman, CD	1975-1978
BGen P.V.B. Grieve, CD	1978-1981
BGen J.P. Gautier, DSO, CD	1981-

MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

We are honoured that you have associated yourselves with us in marking the Centennial of our Regiment. For some people 100 years may not seem an unusual event. To us it is an occasion to pause. The Royal Canadian Dragoons has the wisdom and maturity of its age. To look back is to wonder as to the fate of thousands of men who have gone through its ranks. From the Plains of Abraham, through South Africa, France, Sicily, Italy, Holland, Korea, in war; and in peacetime Cyprus, Egypt and Germany – men from all regions of Canada, more often than not, have stayed anonymous but not without valour having carried far and well the courage, the pride and the adaptability of the Canadian soldier.

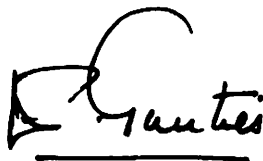
For the last 100 years the Regiment has been the hinge upon which the willpower of its members has met all challenges; where discipline has helped but not stymied. Freemen and volunteers joining forces they made the Regiment strong and have given it a respected reputation. Our strength is commendable because it has been used to protect the liberty of nations.

*Depuis 100 ans, le Régiment fut le pivot sur lequel la volonté de ses membres a rencontré tous les défis, où la discipline fut de rigueur sans pour autant brimer les individus. Ces hommes libres et volontaires, unissant leur force, en ont fait un régiment fort et lui ont donné une réputation enviable. Notre force est justifiable, parce qu'elle a servi à protéger la liberté des nations.*

To our men I say «Our Regiment of glorious fame would not exist without you». From the Atlantic to the Pacific men have joined our ranks, men inspired of the same fervour and of the same desire – united to safeguard human dignity. I remember our soldiers who have become legend and to the descendants of those who have paid the final sacrifice, I pay my respect.

To our veterans, I say you have written a page of history. To our younger generation – I wish a happy Centennial.

The past will be the warranty of your future successes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J.P. Gautier". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "G". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

J.P. Gautier, DSO, CD  
Brigadier-General (Retired)  
Colonel of the Regiment  
The Royal Canadian Dragoons

## THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

I must admit that I have not looked forward to the task of drafting this article, because it signifies the conclusion of my tour as your Commanding Officer. The desire to prolong a good situation is obvious but not possible. Unfortunately that relentless warrior, time, always marches on. I am honoured, indeed, humbled to have been chosen to command the Dragoons, and in particular, during the Regiment's Centennial year.

Command, as I am sure you can appreciate, is not simply issuing orders and making sure all the forms are properly filled out. It is working with people, communicating and sharing ideas at all levels. It is accepting and helping everyone with their portion of the input which makes this living organization, the Regiment, what it is from day to day and year to year, giving it its unique character. It is realizing that as perfect as we all seem in our own view, we all need help and advice in the completion of our tasks. We all have a small part to play in the Regiment, but it is the combined force of all these small parts that makes the total function. But it's not only the soldiers, NCOs and officers that make a Regiment, it is the families, the wives and children as well. Without their support and understanding, we could not function effectively. When our dependents experience an exercise, it is not like when the Regiment is out; on the home front the major supporting arm is missing, Dad. Can you imagine how effective we would be less infantry or artillery support? Somehow our wives and families make out.

Our challenges this year have been many. The Boeselager Reconnaissance Competition, The Cougar Trial, formation exercises, Regimental Gun Camps and the grand-daddy of them all, the Canadian Army Trophy. We have done well in all our endeavours through the enthusiastic support and participation of all of you. When I say we won the Canadian Army Trophy no further explanation is needed as to the dedication, hard work and just plain guts and cold nerve required. The professional respect held for the Dragoon team was evidenced by one very selfless act on the part of 3/64 U.S. Armoured (M1 Battalion) when each one of their new tanks flew a Canadian flag. It was a gesture of camaraderie and respect I will never forget nor will the team members.

We have all been fortunate in being part of our Regiment's Centennial Celebrations, some of us both in Canada and Germany. Although we were fortunate enough to be here during the turning of this historical page there are many before us who deserve the credit for developing so many fine plans and establishing the mechanisms to ensure all the where-with-all would be in place to execute the original concepts. To all Dragoons, serving, ERE, Association and retired, thank you for your contribution in making this very important year what it was.

Lastly, I must close by thanking a very special member of the Regiment, my senior soldier, comrade-in-arms and trusted old friend, my RSM. Without him my task would have been impossible. It would be my wish that every future Commanding Officer is as fortunate as I have been in my choice, a soldier's soldier.

Now I must move aside for another Commanding Officer. As I said in my 1983 message, colonels come and go, but the soldiers are always there doing their duty. I salute you all.

God Bless.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.M. Dean'.

D.M. Dean, CD  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commanding Officer  
The Royal Canadian Dragoons



## 1983 IN REVIEW

### January

- 05 A new year begins-  
back to work
- 10-14 ATI
- 21 Brigade Command-  
ers Inspection
- 10-(23 Feb) D&M Courses  
Cougar Trial Begins

### February

- 04-18 D Sqn in Soltau
- 14-18 Brigade Officer's  
Study
- 01-28 Brigade Ski School

### March

- 01-04 Heuberg Small Arms Firing
- \* Gunnery Training
- \* Refresher Training

### April

- 04-25 Guncamp in Bergen-Hohne
- 05 Opening of Legislature  
Fredericton
- 13 Plaque Laying Iserlohn
- 15 Plaque Laying Leewarden
- 17 Plaque Laying Canadian  
Gate Hohne
- 01-27 C Sqn supports SCC 8301



### May

- 02-08 Snakebite IX
- 16-19 Boeselager
- \* CAT Training

### June

- 04-18 CAT Training in Hohne
- 17 Freedom of The City in  
Fredericton
- 18 Gala Ball Fredericton
- 19 C Squadron Change of  
Command
- 19-25 CAT 83

July  
 06 Plaque Laying  
 Petawawa  
 08 Plaque Laying,  
 St-Jean  
 10 Plaque Laying,  
 La Citadelle  
 12 Rotation Dance  
 17-23 Nijmegen March

August  
 01-12 Munsingen  
 18-(04 Sep) Hohenfels Training



September  
 05-07 EX Stallion thrust  
 (Regt ex)  
 09-15 EX Swift Thrust III  
 (bde ex)  
 18 Return to Lahr  
 26 C Squadron returns  
 to Gagetown  
 26-(Nov) Leopard Basic Gun-  
 ner Course 8301

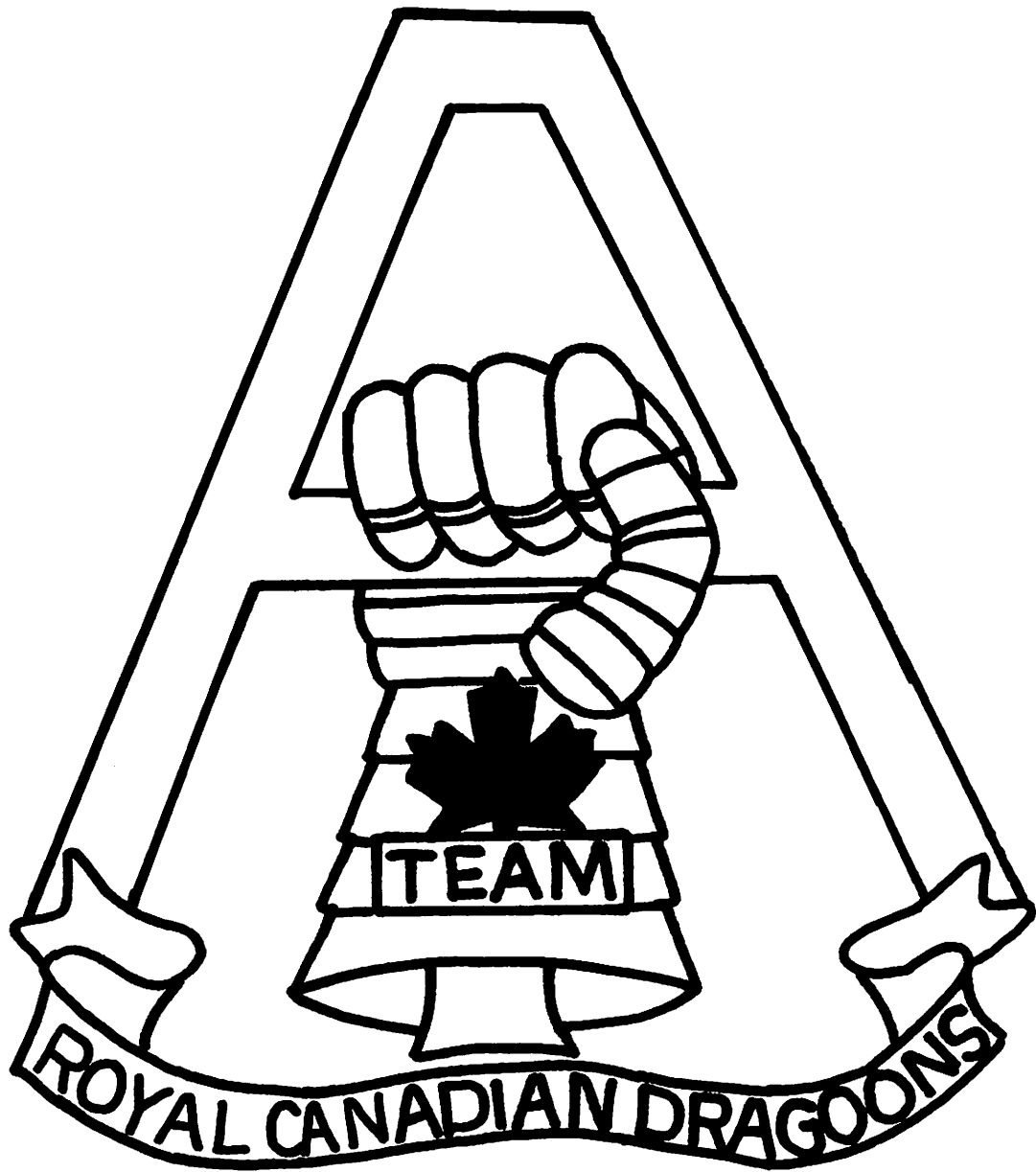
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 05-06 Brigade Sports  
 Competition  
 28 Dedication of  
 Leliefontein Gun  
 29/30 Leliefontein Volks-  
 march

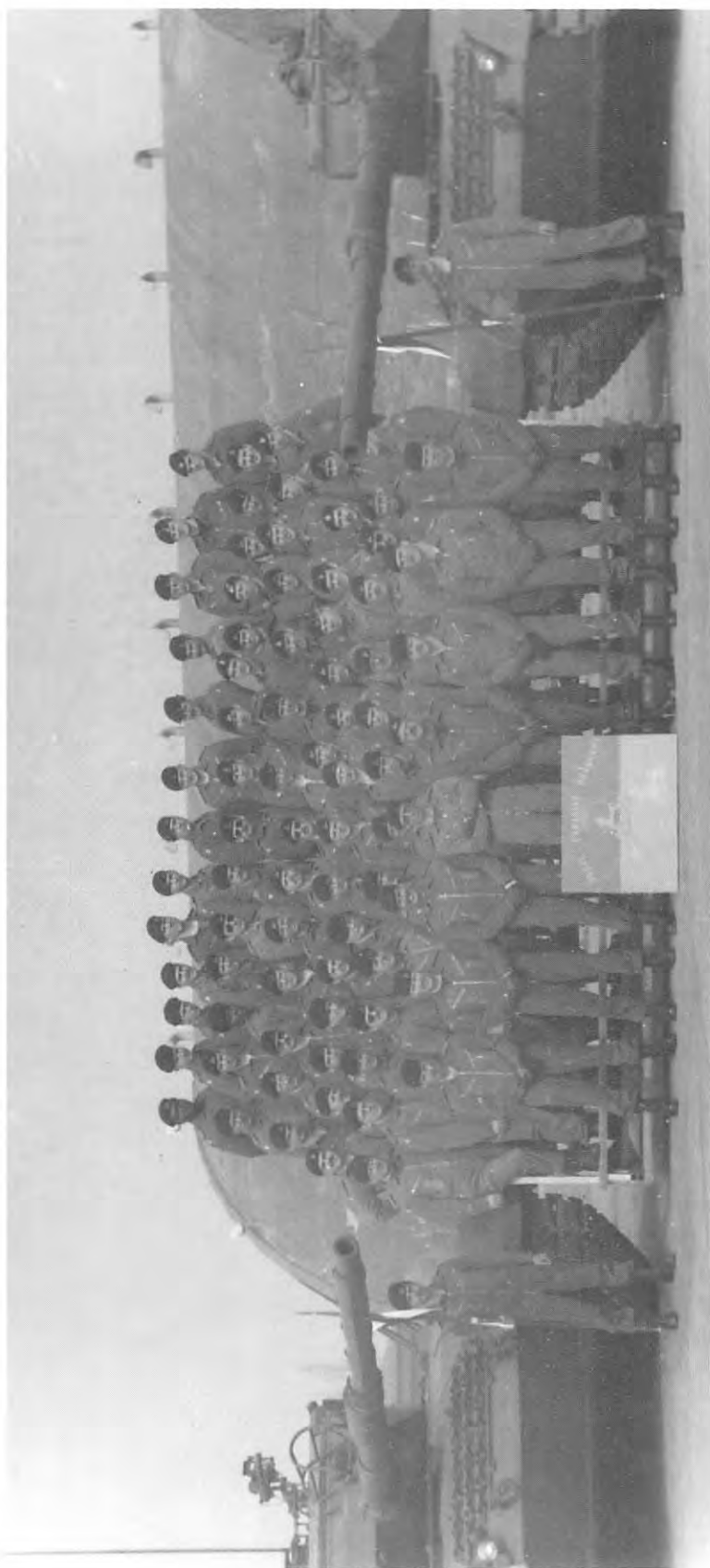
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 ATI  
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 Leliefontein  
 Celebrations  
 06 Freedom of The  
 City in Lahr  
 21-27 Mini-Guncamp  
 Bergen-Hohne  
 28-30 A Squadron Run  
 from Bergen-  
 Hohne to Lahr

December  
 05 Staff Inspection  
 05-09 ATI  
 15 Brigade Commans-  
 ders Inspection  
 16 Mens Christmas  
 Dinner  
 17 Christmas Stan-  
 down  
 21 Regimental Birth-  
 day and the Issue  
 of the Centennial  
 Stamp









## A SQUADRON

The first event of A Squadron's year was the GOC's inspection. This confirmed for him that the RCD was indeed his premier unit and A Squadron his best sub-unit (we believed that, anyhow). Squadron refresher training took up most of January and February with a lucky few escaping to Brigade Ski School. Preparation for our annual guncamp took March and the guncamp itself April. Suddenly, before anyone could say «target, stop» we had won the Regimental Gunnery Competition and were training to represent Canada at CAT 83. Maj Hook, with the RGO Capt Rousseau, and their staff prepared a thorough training plan that made us as familiar with the infamous Range 9 as we were with the North Marg. We moved back to Bergen-Hohne in June for the competition and, to make a long story short – we won! Well, we didn't do it all alone but as part of the CENTAG team. Congrats all around – especially to the gunners who accumulated the highest scores in NATO for machine gunning.

With summer rotation a new squadron began to form. So new in fact that over 80 per cent of our soldiers were new to both Germany and tanks. After some hectic lessons from «Crew Commanding and Troop Leading Made Easy» by the BC, Capt Rousseau, it was off to Munsingen. There, the BC quickly made his thoughts known about light, noise and more noise discipline. Second troop took some scenic tours around the training area (mostly at night) and Cpl Bezeau practised the SHQ patrols in getting quickly down into the mud.

Two of the more vocal WOs (Smith and Moore) were in agreement (for once) that, while troop leading was good, the arrival of new subalterns was welcomed, especially when the paperwork in Lahr was considered. Capt Hillier (LO) concurred and wasted no time in dispensing some paperwork.

The new subbies, including Lt Collin (our token Hussar) were incleared by a pushy, insubordinate clerk (the OC), a bastard of an OC (Sgt Gosse), a lovable BC (Cpl Sylvestri) and 2Lt Barr's alcoholic WO (convincingly played by Capt Rousseau). This humorous incident was one of many which became the «A-Teams» mark.

Speaking of laughs, this brings us to Hohenfels and SSM «Tooner» Martin. SSM Martin found FALLEX a little boring and attempted to liven it up. On the first day he hid his beret and claimed it was stolen. On the second, third, fourth and fifth days he complained to all who would listen about the thief. On the sixth day he produced the sacrificial «Jesus Tree» and «Whipping Post» for those not believing his story and on the seventh day he rested. Other memories from FALLEX included Major «Desert Fox» Price's famous split-route assault using «A-Team» and the BC with «Bravo-Force».

Merged with our return from FALLEX was the start of our next tasks – to support the Leopard Gunnery Course and to celebrate the Centennial of A Squadron. The rest of the Regiment celebrated with us but that's their prerogative. The celebrations culminated two hectic months of painting, cleaning, parading, dinners, parties and hangovers.

A Squadron ended the year the same way it had started – with a GOC's inspection. Before we could prepare for that however we did endless maintenance for another ATI and took the squadron to Bergen-Hohne to shoot (not really) the Leopard Gunner's Course. There, 10 of our squadron masochists, led by the OC, decided to run back to Lahr (only 800 km!) They did it, through rain, sleet, cold, up hills («no hills» said Capt Hillier after his route recce, «it's as flat as a pancake») and through traffic. And they did it in only 60 hours and 21 minutes!

Our second GOC's inspection was a success and we slipped, exhausted, into Christmas break. Now the rag-tag, Cinderella story of the «A-Team» calmly awaits the new year.



The gypsy caravan or-our living quarters during the «run».



Maj Price, concealed by his state III kit, gets dressed by the other members of the chain of command race.





WO Moore and Cpl Brown try to figure out how to get Tpr Kenty out of his NBC suit.



Tpr «Arv» plays anchor for the maint tp tug of war team during the squadron sports day.



Our feeling about the C Squadron bugler who disturbed our sleep.



Cpl Crichlow's comments on how to win the trackpad toss. «You just pick it up and throw it further than anybody else».



Cpl Griffin, on listening silence, tries to remember where he put the tank.



Maj Price churns out another 5 miles on the run from Bergen-Hohne to Lahr.



MCpl Wood gets the feel of things in the UMS.



Cpl Snow debates how many times he can place his rifle against the truck before the commander stops knocking it over.



## ARTE ET MARTE

During the 1982 Royal Canadian Dragoons Gun Camp in Bergen Hohne, Sgt Bill Mulholland spotted a M74 Sherman Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV) on one of the tank firing ranges. Having found this rusted, cannibalized vehicle with engine intact, he decided to salvage it and attempt to restore it to its former glory. A version of this vehicle had been used by the Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) during the Korean War.

After some negotiations with the British and German Range Staff, Sgt «Wild Bill» Mulholland was given the go ahead to salvage the ARV. Unfortunately it had «disappeared» from the Bergen Hohne ranges and was later traced to a Belgique Armoured Regiment. Eighteen months later in June 1983, however, transportation arrangements were finalized and the ARV moved to Lahr.

Preparations for the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Dragoons were now in full swing and the decision was made to make the Sherman ARV into a memorial to all RCEME craftsmen who had served the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Project completion was set for 10 November 1983.

Being an ex-RCEME craftsman, Sgt Mulholland, with voluntary assistance from other LORE personnel, worked weekends and nights to refurbish the ARV to its original condition. He, along with Cpl Bill Flight and MCpl Fred Bourgeois, had the ARV in complete working order with all systems operating except those requiring hydraulics within three months. During the Centennial Celebrations the Sherman ARV even took part in the Regimental Roll past that was part of the annual Leliefontein parade.

On the 10th of November, the Sherman ARV named «ARTE ET MARTE» was dedicated by BGen (Ret'd) Radley Walters CMM, DSO, MC, CD Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. He stated that «The hard work, dedication, and fine craftsmanship displayed by the RCD maintainers was clearly demonstrated during this project. This ability has enabled the Armoured Corps to perform its role successfully in times of peace and war. The excellent standard to which the ARV had been refurbished clearly displayed that the spirit of the Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers was still alive and active in today's Land Ordnance Engineer's Branch».

ARTE ET MARTE . . . by SKILL and by FIGHTING.



Maintenance on parade. «Yes it's true; they really do own S3s!»



The restored Sherman ARV is «driven» to its final resting place during the Leliefontein Centennial Celebrations.



BGen Rad dedicates the Sherman ARV to all Craftsman who served the Corps.



The object of all this attention – The Canadian Trophy – was won by CENTAG in 1983.

### **CANADIAN ARMY TROPHY The Inter Squadron Competition**

CAT fever was with us early this year, sparked by drastic changes in the competition and its regulations. The major change that was to affect us was that normally formed tank squadrons would participate. Yes! A formed squadron and not a gathering of the elite would represent the Regiment and thus demonstrate the true standard of gunnery. The average and the excellent would have an opportunity to compete.

With unanimous approval from all levels of command, a training program was set to culminate in a competition where both sabre squadrons would strive for participation in CAT. This pre-CAT training, held mainly in Bergen during annual gun camp, was fierce and both squadrons used all their imagination and initiative to out-class the other.

Finally! The payoff! Three days of tension, hard work, and nerve-breaking periods where both squadrons were assessed. Even our directorate had shown great interest in the proceedings and had favorably answered our invitation to officiate at the competition. Thank God for LCol Graham, who was to say repeatedly to the regimental gunnery officer (RGO): «It takes a brave and extremely patient individual to deal with Maj (protest) Hook.»

The judging team survived and tallied the results. The CO's intention was to increase the general standard of gunnery throughout the unit. He had proven his point. When the results were announced, A Squadron had won with a margin of only one target. Difficult to swallow for the big «B», but good for the Regiment.

#### **«A Squadron goes to CAT»**

The members of A Squadron soon realized that there was a great deal of work ahead. After the excitement of the win had dissipated the squadron was faced with the real challenge. The vigorous and often repetitive training, the tension of the unknown, and the personality of a new coaching staff all played a part. Long days were a must, for although the squadron had won the Regimental competition only a true team could survive in CAT.

Based on the intersquadron competition results the team was formed. Since only three troops were to form the CAT squadron Lt (Scotty) Mills and his brave soldiers were sent to less glamorous but equally important tasks in support troop.

### «The week!»

As part of CENTAG and the host nation the Dragoons were to open the competition with the first battle run. «Good task for Vienneau» said Major Hook and endorsed by the coaching staff. After the initial shock WO Vienneau prepared his troop. Good chat with the boys, a small review, a prayer and rest.

«13 this is your National Judge»

«Watch your front»

This is it, so much training, frustration, and stress for 30 to 40 minutes of tension.

«Targets up! Target, target, left, plus, target».

«13 this is your National Judge»

«Clear Guns»

It's over! How did we do? What would my peers say? How is my troop?

Good run for WO Vienneau through all the difficulties, the tension and the unbearable heat. The standard was set and Canadians had once again shown their flexibility and gamesmanship.

The next day Lt J.P. MacIntyre and his troop who were to have the best run of the day and best run of the Dragoons team. «JP» MacIntyre's impressions of the competition are the following:

«Being a troop leader at CAT was one of the most challenging tasks anyone can face. Although you prepare for every eventuality there is always the little voice in the back of your mind asking you if you've covered everything. I found you are so busy zeroing, checking, trying to keep everyone loose and relaxed and going over and over your strategy that as a troop leader the impact of what's happening doesn't hit you. But once you're on the first bound, waiting for the first array of targets, you are so intense and keyed up everything but the task on hand slips from your mind. Fortunately, my troop was very close knit and all the drills paid off, helping us work through a target failure, a radio breakdown and above all the stress and nervousness.»

One troop to go, its Thursday and CENTAG is trailing behind NORTHAG. A good job for the cool troop. Yes! Lt Grant and WO Jacobs must do their trick. In April this troop had won all the trophies for gunnery in the Regimental Competition and now they were looking for the big one. It was a good, comfortable run and combined with our other two, helped significantly to pull CENTAG in front of NORTHAG and win the coveted trophy.

### Summary

Those who participated in past competitions may feel cheated by the new format. Those members young, old, new and veteran to CAT 83 will unanimously endorse that the competition is fair and better and that they had «the time of their lives»!

All those who participated in CAT felt that being organized from the same squadron contributed greatly to the spirit and moral of the team and should be continued for future competitions.

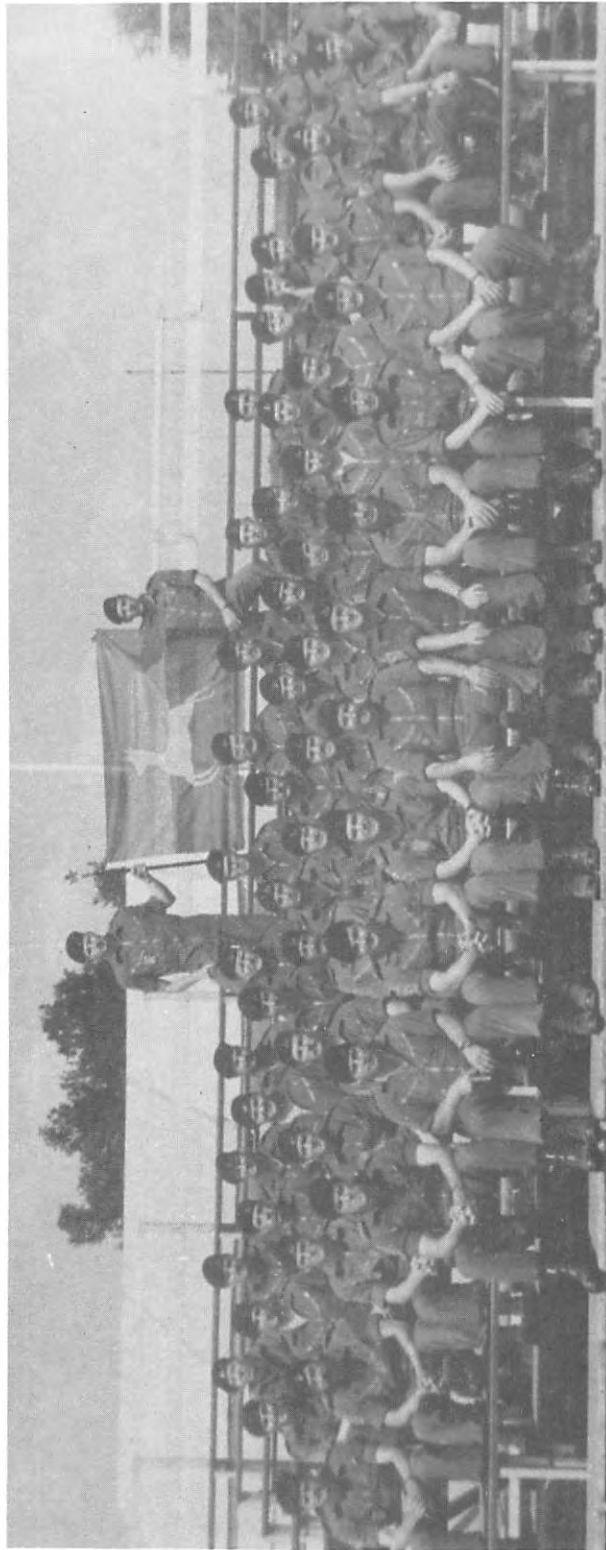
### CAT SUPPORT

The nucleus for the 1983 Cat Support Team was provided by the Maintenance and Administrative Troops of A Squadron, heavily augmented by HQ Squadron. As a matter of fact in its final form the Support Team looked very much like HQ Squadron minus the SHQ.

Under the masterful improvisational skills of the SSM Support Team (MWO Choquette) and his NCOs, a tented camp with all the comforts of home was established at V.P. 5. Verandas built out of hessian, a shower, and sleeper trailers gave the final «MASH» look to V.P. 5. The only major stumbling block encountered was on how to get the white lining inside the mess tent. As the SSM and 135 years of accumulated Sr NCO experience tried to figure out a solution, Tpr Martin made a suggestion which worked.

This set the tone for the Support Team's remaining stay in Bergen. Everyone made their contribution to running the camp and supporting the Firing Team. As a result a most productive and comfortable time was had by all. As one member of the firing team was overheard to have said, «Our cheerleaders are sure ugly but they do a good job»!





CAT 83 — The firing team



An all-inclusive banner and energetic spectators support «A» Squadron's efforts.



Sgt Cloake, closely supervised by the Regimental Gunnery WO, checks the boresight before zeroing.



The work was hard, but the entertainment was good.



1/32 Armour welcomes the RCD as fellow «bandits» during CAT 83.



WO Vienneau confirms his information with that of the control team.



Maj Hook demonstrates his social graces for members of the CENTAG firing team.



Capt Rousseau assists Maj Hook in the demonstration of social graces.



Everybody paid close attention to the firing schedule.



Concentration and Consternation



TARGET!



To the range!



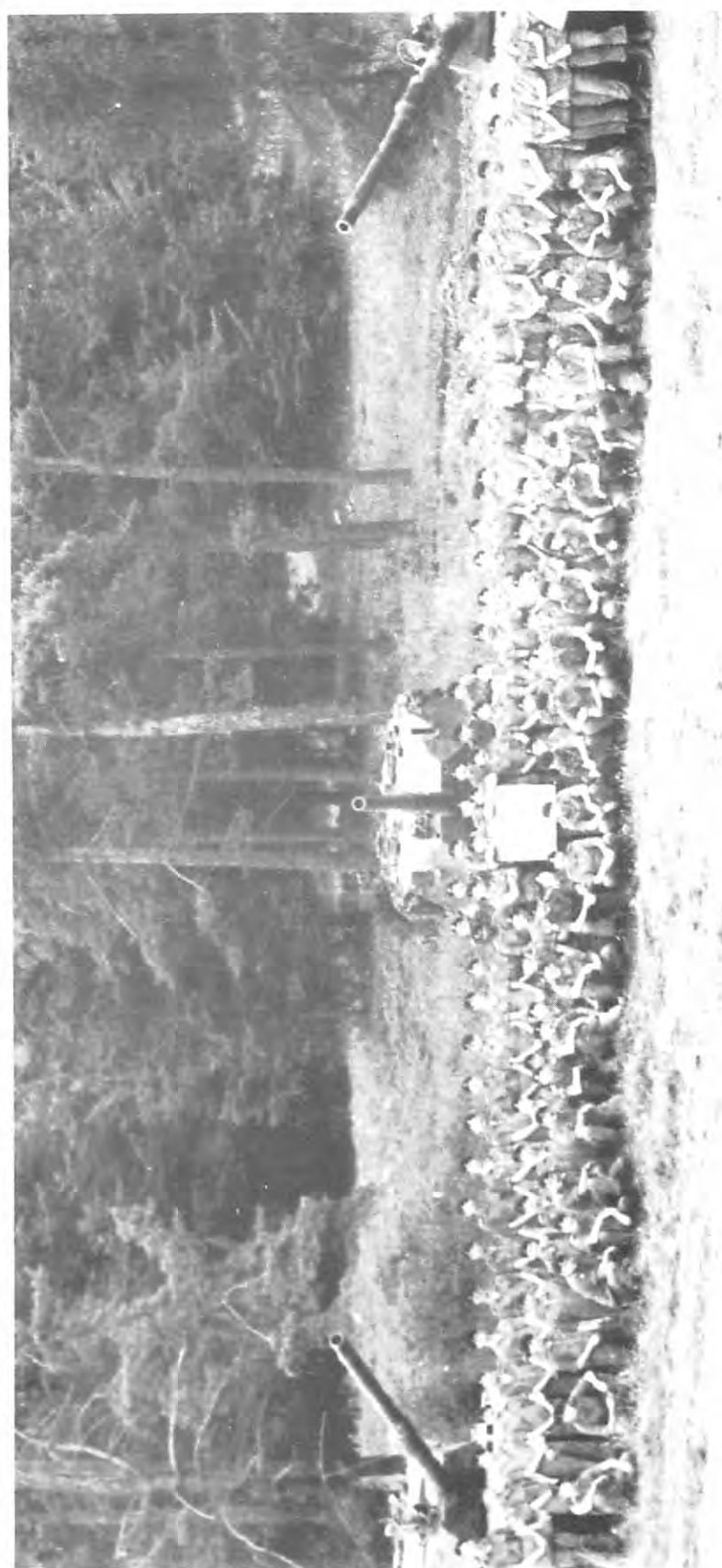


CAT 83 – The support team



Grease and grime were all part of a winning effort.





## B SQUADRON

Centennial year got off to a busy start for B Squadron with an ATI followed by the GOC's inspection. After all this excitement the SMEs (Subject Matter Expert for the uninitiated) took over with lots of refresher and gunnery training. During February B Squadron officers put together what was generally acclaimed to be the best of several historical presentations on major regimental events in honour of Centennial Year.

In April, as happens every spring, the long trek was made to the cold and wet ranges at Hohne. This was a CAT year and the regimental competition was keenly contested. Also taking part in the competition were fog and a variety of wild animals, the two legged version (WO Mantel) and the four legged version (wild bears). Through all of this only one and a half targets separated the winners from B Squadron.

With the excitement of the gun camp (including a tank fire on the pad) behind them, Lt Thomas and his band of warriors did battle with Recce Squadron and helicopters from 8 til 4, depending on the weather, during Ex Snake Bite in May.

June was a month of many different activities. B Squadron provided some support personnel for CAT. WO Cleveland had a tough job assisting A Squadron on their gunnery. His efforts helped as Canada was part of the winning CENTAG team. Other personnel were tasked to 4 Service Battalion to help prepare the ranges and act as timers.

During rotation Maj Wilkinson handed over to Maj Taylor, who took over a very new B Squadron. Only a handful of veterans remained to guide and form all the new people, from Canada and elsewhere, into a cohesive, fighting unit. Finally, everyone went to work preparing for the first test, Munsingen (Mudslingen to some who have vivid memories of the training area). The troop training benefited everyone, especially maintenance troop, who emerged victorious during the squadron sports day.

In mid August three new troop officers arrived to join the squadron. After a weeks preparation the squadron deployed again — this time to Hohenfels (training with the infantry) and Fallex. During this period the Squadron put on several excellent static and dynamic displays for visiting dignitaries and the press. On the regimental sports day, B Squadron reached the Tug of War contest finals but was finally beaten by HQ Squadron. The regimental exercise in the RMA provided fast action and a chance for the tanks to do their thing. Everyone was impressed with the transporter move of the entire squadron, which brought us to the brigade exercise area. «End-Ex» on 17 September brought a sigh of relief as people began looking forward to simple luxuries and seeing their families again.

During the Leliefontein 2nd Centennial celebrations B Squadron was tasked to run the annual RCD Volksmarsch. With the Schutterlindenbergl providing a majestic backdrop, even the cold damp weather didn't prevent a large number of people from completing the ten kilometres. Other functions included mixed dinners, the all-ranks dances, Freedom of the City of Lahr and the Leliefontein Parade. Everybody was relieved when the last guests were on the plane to Canada.

The last portion of the year saw frantic preparations for ATI and GOC's inspection. B Squadron received its normal share of tasks with Lt Kampman, WO Hills, Cpl Cox, Cpl Pederson and Tpr Gallagher away on CLC. WO Mantel took his social graces to Borden for the SLC course and Sgts Galas and Rousseau completed advanced gunnery at Gagetown.

After a busy year B Squadron anticipated a long rest at Christmas. It was a chance to reflect on the past year and anticipate the next — B for Best, Push On!



But officer we were just following the MP . . . Well if it happens again your exercise will be cancelled!



Does anyone know where we are on this map?



Laundry day in maint tp.



2Lt Datchko and Capt Scott practice troop tactics with Maj Taylor as umpire.





A Common scene — state II NBC



«I know it helps hide the tank but we've got to clean it after».



Clean-up begins as soon as the exercise ends.

## CENTENNIAL

1983 was a memorable year for all Dragoons. The work and preparation that went into the Centennial Celebrations involved everyone in the Regiment. With events occurring all over Canada and Europe the Centennial Celebrations quickly became a complex operation that rivalled anything the Regiment had done in its recent past. Preparations had been on going for years and the former RLO, Capt Jim Ferron had worked very hard under the direction of the DCO, Major Norm Ashton to lay the groundwork. The new regimental 2IC, Major Gerry McLean inherited the reins of Centennial and found that there were a great number of facets to the celebration. The duties of the appointed Centennial Adjutant, Capt Mark Hutchings, and his staff quickly grew until they became primary duties.

Things started early in the year with the dedication of historical plaques at former Dragoon garrison sites in northern Germany. Taking advantage of the Regiment's presence in Bergen Hohne for its annual Gun Camp, plaques were dedicated in Werl, Iserlohn and Bergen Hohne itself. In Werl a ceremony involving the Regiment and the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch saw a plaque dedicated in the Battalion Chapel. In Iserlohn another plaque was dedicated at the present headquarters of the British 26th Engineer Regiment. In Bergen Hohne a parade was held to dedicate «CANADA GATE». Each regiment of the British 22nd Armoured Brigade sent representatives to join the Dragoons on parade. In Leeuwarden, Holland, a special presentation was made on the anniversary of the liberation of that city by the Regiment during the Second World War. The D Squadron Guard detailed for this event enjoyed an excellent time and were splendidly hosted by the Dutch. Similar plaques were placed in Canada by C Squadron and the Association at Toronto, St. Jean, Borden, Québec and Winnipeg. In all, ten commemorative plaques were installed around the world. In Toronto, the RCD manned an exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition in August 83, which very elegantly told the history of the Dragoons to over 300 000 visitors. The same RCDs who manned the display marched in a place of honour with the RCD Guidon at the head of the Warriors Day Parade. They were supported by the band of the Governor General's Horse Guards, our allied militia regiment.

In June, Major Bob Meating, Commanding Officer C Squadron, planned the ceremony for the Freedom of the City of Fredericton which LCol Dean and RSM Marriott attended. The Freedom Ceremony was highlighted by the CO's entrance into the city mounted on a charger and wearing the ceremonial patrol uniform. The Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Gautier presided over the parade which marked the first time tanks had ever been driven in the streets of Fredericton. The City Council and citizens were thrilled with the spectacular event and have asked C Squadron to exercise it's freedom in 1985.

In Lahr the Centennial Celebrations and Leliefontein Celebrations were combined in one gala week. The annual Leliefontein Volksmarsch, organized by B Squadron, kicked off the celebrations. Over 3 000 marchers participated, despite the uncooperative and chilly weather. Many local Germans participated and the Oberbürgermeister of Lahr expressed his appreciation to the Regiment for organizing a traditional German pastime in such an efficient manner.

The celebrations continued with the arrival of the Association flight at Frankfurt and the ERE flight in Lahr during the first days of November. Over 200 guests from the Association, ERE personnel, VIPs and just plain friends of the Regiment arrived to be hosted in true Dragoon style. The arrival, equipment displays and Happy Hour at the various rest areas occupied the first day with a fussball match against a Lahr «All Star» team during the afternoon of the second. Our soccer team, CFE champions this past four years, played a strong game but bowed 4-2 against the very experienced German team. Sgt Gosse and his merry band of stewards ran a successful mixed dining-in at the Sternenberghalle in Friesenheim to end that day.

Sunday, 6 November, was filled with the Freedom of the City of Lahr ceremonies. The CO marched the Dragoons to the City gates and was then escorted to a special meeting of the Lahr City Council by the Chief of Police. Once the Freedom had been granted the Regiment was reviewed by the Oberbürgermeister and then marched through the city with bayonets fixed. The handful of vocal anti-nuclear demonstrators did more to enhance the ceremonies than to detract from them. The German community then hosted the Regiment and guests at the Max Planck School Gymnasium. We listened to a local orchestra and sampled local wine served by young Fräuleins (much to the appreciation of our younger soldiers).

The reminder of the week was even busier, if possible. The band concert for invited guests was an outstanding event as was the Leliefontein Parade and reception on 8 November (despite the fog and biting cold). Members of the Regiment got a chance to relax somewhat during the Fun Sports Day on

9 November (won by Recce Squadron) and at the All Ranks Dance at Friesenheim on 10 November. The image of A Squadron's Trooper Worrell flying through the air after being bounced of the «Murder Ball» by six members of the opposing team will remain forever in our minds.

On 10 November all the maintenance personnel paraded to dedicate the Sherman ARV and on 11 November departing guests were «wined out» of the departure lounge.

A special contribution to Centennial Year was made by Sergeant and Mrs Ted Betts whose daughter, Chelsey Spring, was born on 21 December. The Commanding Officer declared baby Chelsey «The Royal Canadian Dragoons Centennial Baby» and an honorary member of the Regiment.

Commemorative centennial items that were produced included the Regimental History (hailed during the Brigade Officer's Study Week as one of the best unit histories produced), a painting of the action at Leliefontein by Peter Archer, 150 numbered sabres, Regimental wine (served in enormous quantities during 1983) and, finally, a stamp celebrating our 100th birthday.

The Centennial Celebrations are now history and the Regiment is moving inexorably into our second hundred years. The celebrations were a spectacular success and the success can be attributed to a multitude of people who contributed so much. However, as was so evident during November, nothing would have been possible without the intangible organization of our family – The Royal Canadian Dragoons. The tradition of excellence has been maintained.

### CENTENNIAL EVENTS - 1983

Publication of the Regimental History – «DRAGOON 1883-1983».

Presentation of the painting «Action at Leliefontein» by Peter Archer.

Production of the Regimental Wine.

Escort to the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick  
and Guard of Honour at Opening of the Legislature

Plaque Laying at Iserlohn

Plaque Laying at Leeuwarden

Plaque Laying at Bergen-Hohne

Plaque Laying at Borden

Plaque Laying at the Citadel

Plaque Laying at Stanley Barracks

Plaque Laying at St Jean and Werl

Freedom of the City of Fredericton

Gala Ball – Fredericton

C Squadron Change of Command

Centennial Sabres Available

CNE Display

Plaque Laying at Winnipeg

Leliefontein Parade Ottawa and Reception  
at Chateau Laurier

Leliefontein Volksmarsch

Associates Arrive in Lahr

Arrival of ERE Flight

Equipment Display

Fussball Match

Plaque Laying at Gagetown

Formal Dining In

Freedom of the City of Lahr and Reception

Band Concert

MCpls Mixed Dining In

WOs/Senior NCOs Mixed Dining In

Officers Mixed Dining In

Leliefontein Parade/Reception

Regimental Fun Sports Day

Centennial Commemorative Stamp Issued

Centennial Baby Birth

C Squadron Mess Dinner with 2 RCR

05 April

13 April

15 April

17 April

04 June

05 June

05 June

07 June

17 June

18 June

19 June

07 July

15 August-08 September

24 September

29/30 October

29/30 October

03 November

04 November

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06 November

06 November

06 November

07 November

08 November

08 November

09 November

21 December



«C» Squadron escort to the lieutenant governor of New Brunswick



The Regiment leaves Lahr through the symbolic city gate at the Doler Platz.



The Colonel of The Regiment arrives for the Centennial celebrations in November.



Lord Mayor Dietz to CO: «Perhaps now you can add southwest Germany 1983 to the battle honors on your Guidon».



Canada Gate — Bergen Hohne



Bergen Hohne dedication Canada Gate





A master of the «Dog and Pony» shows Tpr Harris the ropes.



Soccer match — Cpl Malczynski attempts some magic.



Gagetown Dragoons, under the command of Maj D.W. Prosser, march past with old comrades leading during the Leliefontein Parade.



The Leliefontein gun, the CDS, Governor-General Schreyer and BGen Gautier during ceremonies at Government House.



BGen Stewart, Commander SSF, inspects Dragoons during Plaque Laying Ceremony at Petawawa.



«C» Squadron marches on for the dedication of the Leliefontein gun.



Leeuwarden Guard



THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS CENTENNIAL BABY — Chelsey Spring Betts — and a proud mother



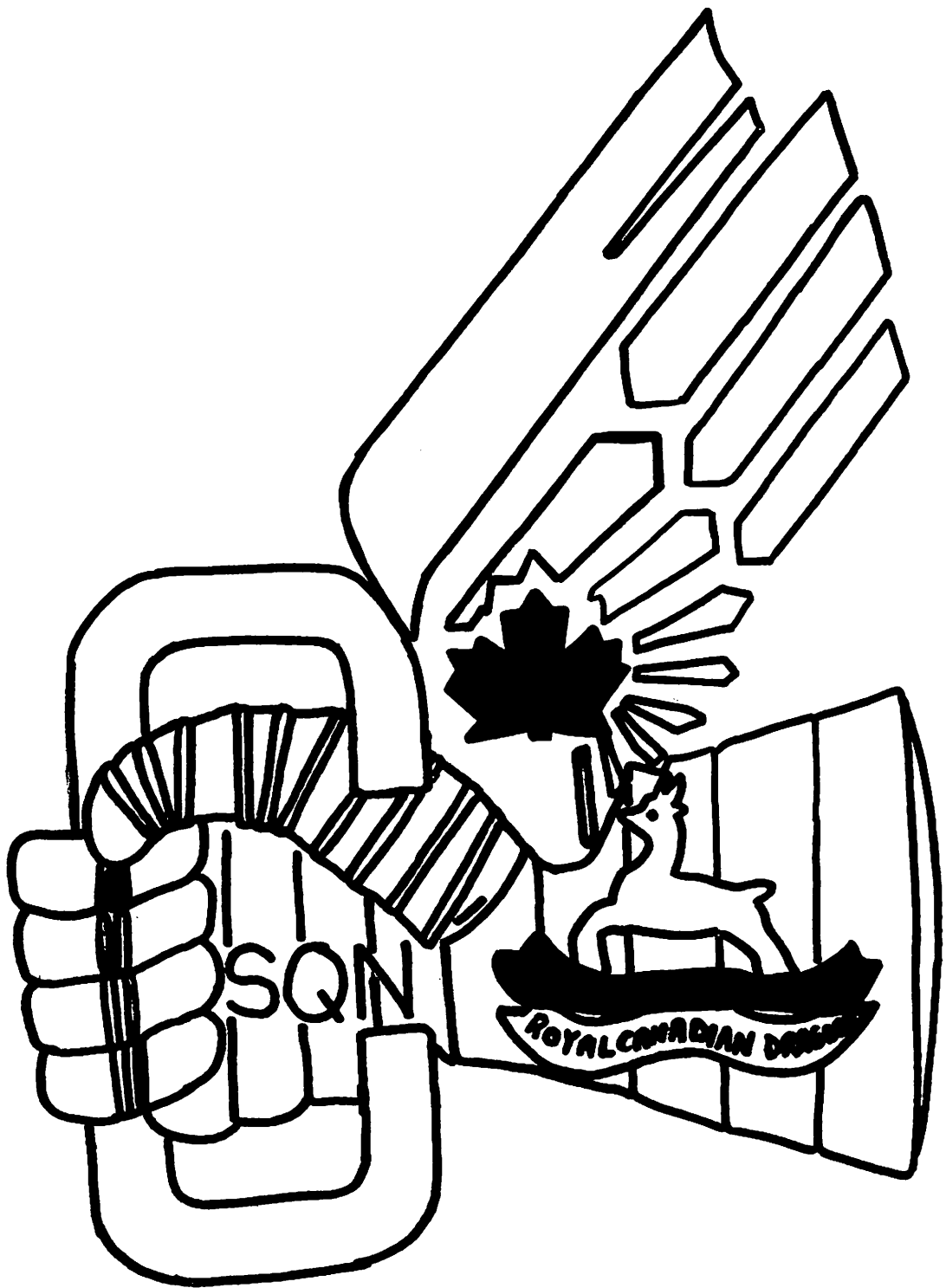


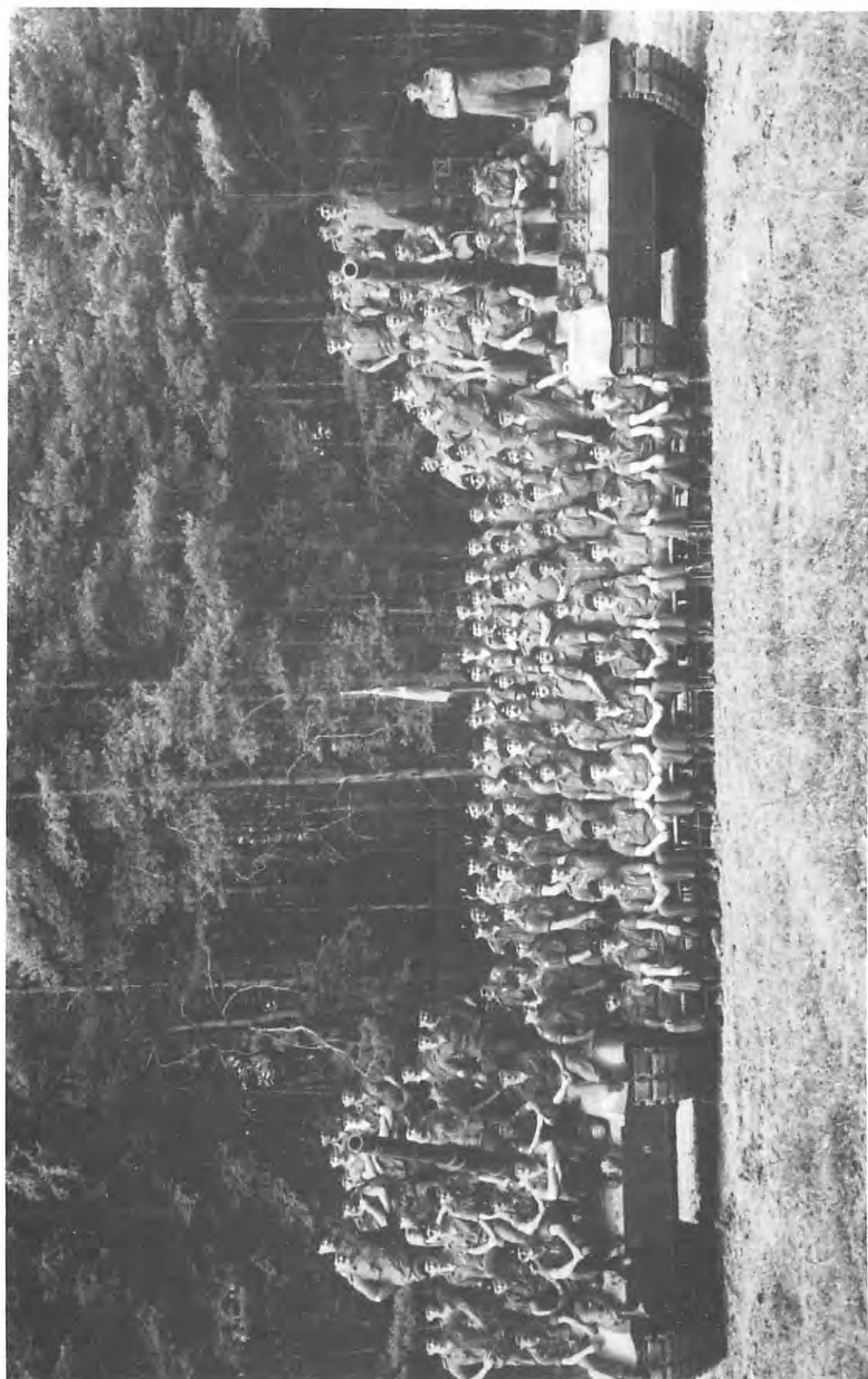














## C SQUADRON

C Squadron RCD in Canada, more commonly known as C Force, and C Squadron Lahr or Commandant's Squadron, each participated in a wide variety of the Regimental Centennial activities. In Canada these included the Opening of the New Brunswick Legislature, the dedication of plaques at La Citadelle, Petawawa and St Jean, PQ, the Freedom of the City of Fredericton Parade, a Gala Centennial Ball jointly celebrated with 2 RCR, the Dedication of the Leliefontein Gun in Ottawa and a Centennial Ball hosted by the RCD Association, the Leliefontein and plaque laying ceremonies in Gagetown, and, finally, a Birthday Mess Dinner with 2 RCR. C Squadron's Lahr personnel all participated in the many ceremonial events with the Regiment in Germany.

The Opening in the New Brunswick Legislature provided the first opportunity for Maj Meating to lead C Squadron and the Guidon Party through the streets of Fredericton. The weather was cold but the drill was sharp and crisp and both the lieutenant governor and the premier complimented the Guard on its performance.

In June Capt Richmond and WO Vaniderstine led a quarters guard which, in conjunction with a 2 RCR guard, dedicated plaques remembering Regimental service in Petawawa, St Jean and La Citadelle. The Colonel of the Regiment was present at two of these ceremonies, and Col Batemen proudly led the Old Comrades on parade in Petawawa.

Then, on 17 June 1983 tanks rolled through the streets of Fredericton, NB, in a colourful and spectacular Freedom of the City Parade. The Second Battalion RCR led the way in scarlet tunics followed by LCol Dean on horseback leading the C Squadron tanks and a troop of Lynxes from the Armour School. BGen Gautier was the reviewing officer while many senior Dragoons were also in attendance. The sunny day and military pageantry accounted for many thousands of enthusiastic spectators. The final roll past was done with gun tubes uncovered, weapons mounted and the Guidon flying in fine traditional form. During the following evening 2 RCR and the RCD enjoyed a Gala Centennial Ball after watching 2 RCR troop their Colours before a large crowd in downtown Fredericton.

On Sunday 19 June 1983 Maj R.G. Meating relinquished Command of C Squadron and Maj C.H. Watson assumed command. Present for the event was the CDS, the Colonel of the Regiment, the many VIP's from the Freedom of the City Parade and the Senior Serving Dragoon, MGen Kitchen.

In October, C Squadron travelled to Ottawa for a special Dedication of the Leliefontein Gun. LCol Dean had had the pleasure of leading C Squadron, the Old Guard, and the Guidon on Parade at Rideau Hall. The Governor General then dedicated the restored Leliefontein Gun to the memory of all Dragoons. Following this the RCD Association hosted the largest Gala Ball of the year at the Chateau Laurier for all present and past Dragoons.

The Leliefontein ceremonies in Gagetown included an all ranks dance, a mixed Mess Dinner for both Senior NCO's and Officers, a Church Parade, and the formal dedication of a plaque commemorating the Regiment's long service in Gagetown.

These many ceremonial events themselves account for a full and busy year. However, Dragoons are also field soldiers and C Squadron was no exception to that in 1983. The major events included two troops supporting Squadron Commanders Course 8301, two troops supporting combined arms training for Infantry Officers, equipment and personnel working on two phase III and two TQ6A courses for Armoured crewman and officers, and most importantly Flyover 83.

The long hours of training and hard work in both Gagetown and Lahr paid off with a smooth and efficient Fallex period. By forming the third Sabre Squadron of the RCD C Squadron fulfilled its primary role. It was an excellent period of cooperation between Lahr and Gagetown personnel and by the end of Fallex the squadron had one identity, C Squadron RCD.

The RCD Centennial year will never be forgotten by those who were involved in the planning and executing of the many ceremonial and operational events. The tributes to the Regiment in Canada by civilian and military leaders alike reward us all for the hours of hard work. The presence of a Dragoon identity has been strengthened in Canada and the future of the Regiment shines as brightly as the events of her past.

AND THEN THE TABLE FELL  
«C» SQUADRON



1 Troop



See no evil



2 Troop



4th Troop



Troopers Soucy, Morton and Touzin receive their corporal's rank from Maj Watson while SSM Lynk looks on.



Does that ever hurt!



This is gonna hurt «sir».



«C» Sqn mecs — and then the boom fell.



Steak — again!



Cpl Graham — the last part of the name says it all.



What? No mail?



THE END



## WINDSOR SOLDIERING BY THE HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

Household Cavalrymen look upon Windsor as their military home and indeed both Regiments have the Freedom of the Royal Borough. The present arrangement is for one Regiment (currently The Blues and Royals) to be stationed at Windsor in the armoured reconnaissance role and the other (The Life Guards) to be stationed in Detmold, West Germany, as an Armoured Regiment. The two Regiments exchange role and station every five years and indeed are due to do so again in 1984. In addition both Regiments find one squadron of The Household Cavalry Regiment at Hyde Park Barracks, to carry out mounted ceremonial duties.

The role of the Regiment has changed several times in the last ten years. It is now part of 5 Infantry Brigade which is based at Aldershot and is one of the oldest in the Army. The Brigade's present role covers both the defence of the UK in general war, and emergency operations outside Europe at any time. The Regiment's training therefore covers the spectrum of conventional reconnaissance and internal security as well as a number of special tasks connected with the world-wide deployment of a task force to meet a sudden contingency. This role is a stimulating one not only because it has a stronger possibility of becoming reality than conventional war in Europe, but also because of the opportunity for original thought and planning in a field where there is limited recent experience. The Regiment's training and expertise were confirmed in 1982 when two troops took part in the Falklands campaign, which has been covered in previous editions.

To fulfil its roles the Regiment is equipped with the Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance (CVR) series of vehicles. Two Squadrons man the wheeled FOX (CVR(W)) and one Squadron the tracked SCORPION (CVR(T)). Both vehicles are air portable and can be underslung by helicopter. The vehicles compliment each other in that the manoeuvrability and hitting power of the Scorpion make it almost a light tank while the silence and roadworthiness of the Fox are reminiscent of the previous generation of reconnaissance vehicles in which stealth and speed were given priority. The combination of both vehicles gives the Regiment considerable flexibility in its ability to deploy in varying climates and terrains.

Recruits arriving at Windsor from the Guards Depot or the Junior Leaders Regiment RAC will usually have one trade and, depending upon the time of year of their arrival, can expect to get their second within a year. As a result most crewmen are interchangeable within the vehicle, although not necessarily between Fox and Scorpion. After a year or two in the Regiment it is the ambition of most troopers to specialize in a particular trade and gain higher qualifications in it both for the chance of becoming an instructor in due course and as a stepping stone to promotion. It is mandatory for Senior NCOs to have an instructors qualification. In a similar manner to Regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps, the Household Cavalry supply instructors to the Gunnery, Driving and Signals wings at the RAC Centre Bovington, to the RAC Training Regiment at Catterick, to the Junior Leaders Regiment RAC, to the Guards Depot and to many other extra Regimental employments throughout the world. In addition, the Regiments of the Household Cavalry try to ensure that a high proportion of NCOs serve with the Mounted Squadrons in London, in order to qualify them for as many avenues of promotion as possible.

Inevitably, a compromise is reached and NCOs tend to be streamed wither as instructors of Armoured trades or as mounted dutymen or guards depot instructors.

The year at Windsor is similar to that of all Armoured Regiments. The winter months are spent in internal trade training in barracks in order to get as many crewmen as possible dual traded before the start of field training.

Courses last from 4 to 6 weeks and the instructors are found from within the Regiment. In the spring the Regiment will go on Troop Training. This is the time when new tradesmen can practise their skills for real and when troops will be confirming or altering their vehicle crews in order to get the best teams together. Towards the end of Troop Training each Squadron will expect to exercise for a few days as a formed unit so that Troops can remind themselves of the way they integrate into the larger whole. By the end of troop training each squadron leader should feel confident that his squadron is ready for war. Later in the year the Regiment can expect a period of regimental training when squadrons operate with or against each other under the control of regimental headquarters. Finally in the autumn there will be larger scale exercises when the Regiment as a whole deploys as part of a Brigade or larger formation.

During the year the Regiment will go on Gunnery Camp when all vehicles mounting guns and all crewmen trained as gunners fire off their entitlement of live ammunition in a glorious week of early starts, briefings, frantic activity and post mortems. Continuation gunnery training goes on throughout the year, but the month or so up to and including annual firing normally sees the generating of even greater energy within the Squadrons and the appearance of grey hairs on all but the most philosophical. Despite this the week is normally much enjoyed as it is a rare opportunity for the crews to do for real what they have been practising throughout the year.

It goes without saying that the weekly programme at Windsor also takes account of many other military skills such as drill, fitness training and small arms training which are the lot of all soldiers regardless of their arm, as well as sport and adventurous training. In addition to the usual adventurous pursuits like skiing, sailing and freefall parachuting, the Blues and Royals sent an expedition to the Himalayas in 1980.

Readers who remember Windsor soldiering in the old days may be tempted to wonder whether too much work may not be making Jack a dull boy. For better or worse the variety and sophistication of modern military equipment have increased the requirements for training both in terms of amount and detail, and this is unavoidable. The Household Cavalry aims to keep pace with this but at the same time not to lose sight of a particular lifestyle and way of operating which has been the legacy of so many previous generations serving at Combermere Barracks.



A Fox of «C» Sqn tracks a target on Castlemartin Ranges during annual firing.



The new Standards of the Blues and Royals



«B» Sqn drives past during the Presentation of Standards to the household cavalry.



A section of FSC patrols the UN Zone in Cyprus.



A Scorpion of the RHG/D on exercise in Wales

## RCD CADETS

2596 Royal Canadian Dragoons Cadet Corps has been in existence since 1970 and is directly supported by the Regiment which is both sponsoring and affiliated unit.

Once again the Corps has completed another full year of varied training. The cadets have been involved with weekend field exercises in Langenhard and Baden, visits with the Regiment at guncamp in Bergen-Hohne, participation in a ski-week with the German Army Mountain Division, training with the RCD in Munsingen as a part of A Squadron and, finally, played an active part in the 1983 Centennial and Leliefontein celebrations. In addition normal cadet training has been completed with two cadets successfully completing the Gold Star tests. The annual inspection was a success with the obviously impressed BGer Evraire as inspecting officer.

December saw a number of changes in the Corps. Capt Hillier replaced Capt Clarkin as CO with Capt Clarkin then sliding into the DCO's spot. Cadets Mulholland, Bateman and Hepburn were all promoted to WO with WO Mulholland employed as the Cadet Sergeant Major. Cadets Cassivi and Bradley were promoted to Sergeant. LCol Dean inspected the Corps on 14 December and then participated in the cadet Christmas dinner.

1984 also promises to be interesting and busy for the Corps. A weekend exercise is planned for Langenhard in February, a trip to visit the Royal Armour Corps Centre in Bovington, England in March and a ski-weekend in Feldberg at the end of the ski season. Other cadets will attend courses and training programs in Canada, compete in the Mary Otter First Aid Competition in CFB Borden (as the European representatives) and complete tank or recce training with the Regiment.





LCol Dean inspects the Corps on 14 December.

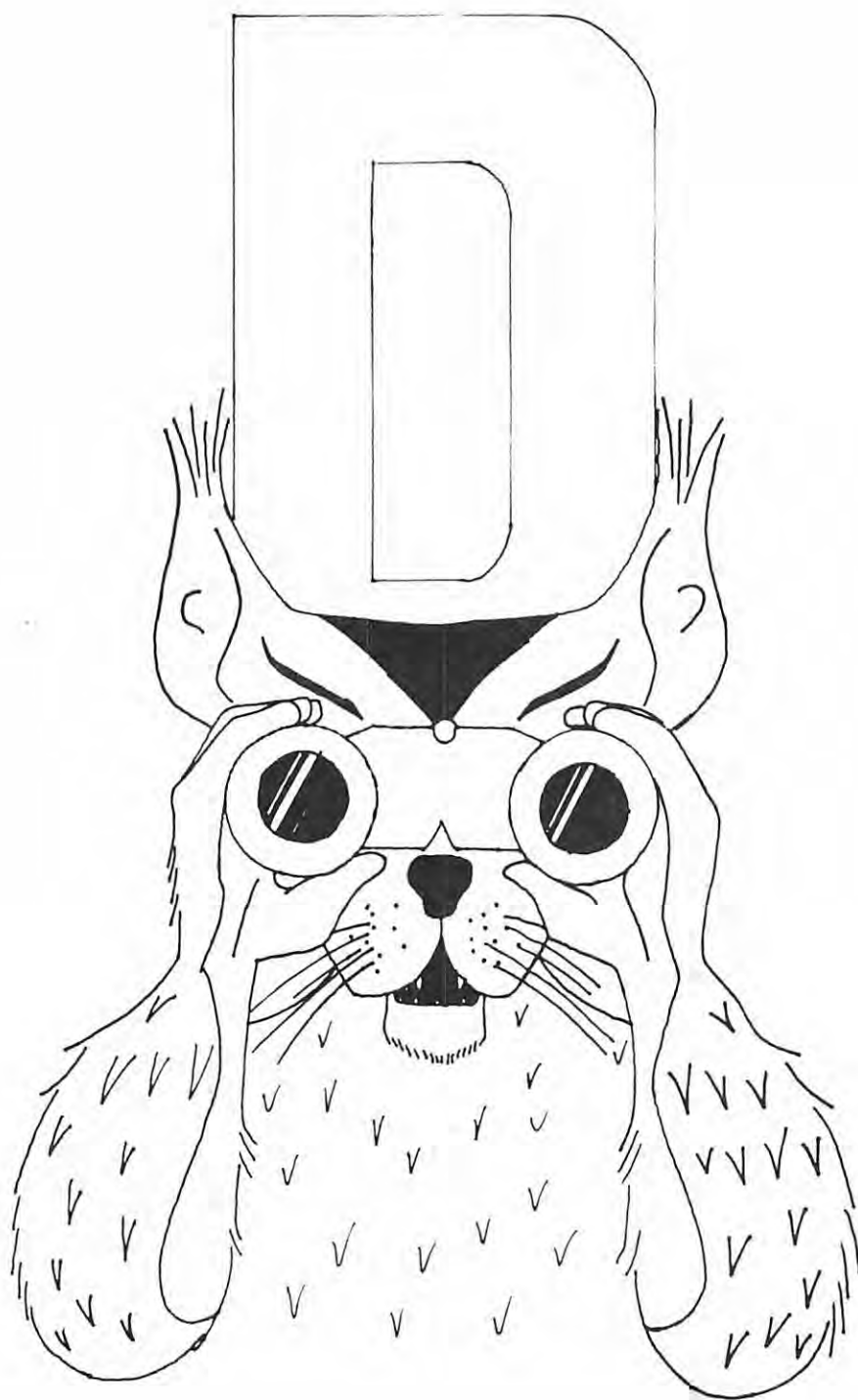


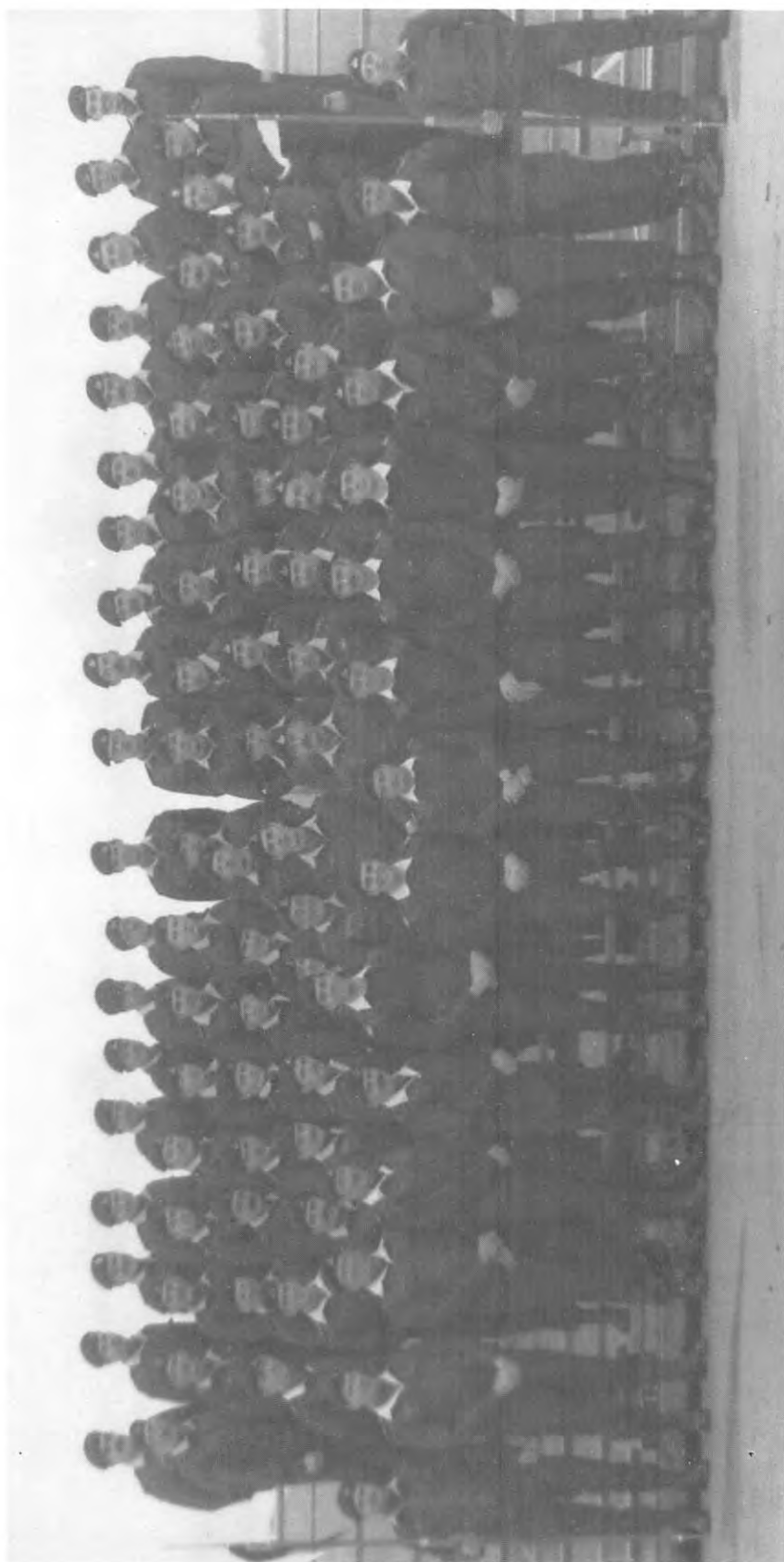
Capt R.J. Hillier, the new CO of the RCD Cadet Corps, serves cadets at their Christmas dinner.



Cadets pay close attention as LCol Dean demonstrates techniques during unarmed combat training.







## **RECCE SQUADRON**

### **The old regime**

Major Price and Captain Appleton put the squadron through its paces for the first half of the training year. The SL was crossed with a deployment to Soltau and 1 Troop, under WO Ellis, was issued with a fleet of newly commissioned war ships know as Cougar AVGPs. For the next eight months these ships would undergo the long series of torture tests required to meet the standards set by the hard-to-please troopers of 1 Troop. 2 Troop, under Lt Kitchen, dug in for the intensive physical training required to represent Canada at Boeselager, and 3 Troop, under Lt Maybee, put 10 corporal/privates through the HOTSEAT on the Recce Crew Commanders Course.

Refresher training was conducted in March, followed in April by intensive recce training in Bergen Hohne and included advanced demolitions, open range firing, and amphibious training. In May the LO, Capt Natynczyk, kept the Whirly Birds busy during EX SNAKEBITE with Lt Thomas joining the turkey shoot in the lowly role of Tanker.

### **June rotation – «Out with the old in with the new»**

Maj Price moved on to A Squadron with command of the Squadron passing to Maj Wilkinson. Capt Appleton became Adjutant with Capt Donnelly assuming the role of number one son. Maj Wilkie immediately set about giving the squadron a new «Identity»: –

«All ranks and surnames are cancelled until further notice . . .

SSM What's-his-Name will ensure this policy is strictly enforced.»

«Hey Fred, I think he's serious, pass me another role of gun tape, willya!»

The Vandoo QM stores were rifled for green warpaint and «HATS KHAKI, FLOPPY – WON'T FIT» became the rage in fashionable headgear.

### **FALLEX**

We picked up a militia flyover troop from 8 CH (M) to bolster our ranks and were off to find suitable accommodations – «ON THE ECONOMY».

SSM Horgan found us a nice quiet location which lived up to the lifestyle we felt we deserved. The tiny (whoops, sorry I said that word) 1 000 year-old town of Berching was selected to be our home away from home. Sgt Ries set up his EDEKA and the heftier troops were tasked with controlling the stampede of visitors from Munsingen and Hohenfels.

Troop tests were conducted during the Hohenfels concentration. Lt MacIntyre and 1 Troop won the competition, despite MCpl McGee's ability to recruit some American passers-by into his patrol. All tests were stringently assessed and all ranks showed a sound knowledge of all basic recce tactics.

### **EX stallion surge**

«Lt Atkins where are your OPs?»

«No problem, Sir! 43A is set up in the Casino on the north of town. 43C is in the Health Spa and E's set up in the Mayor's house.»

«Hey Sarge, this exercise is boring.»

«It is, eh? Why don't you go take a roller coaster ride with Cpl Bailey in the OC's Rover?»

«Lt MacIntyre, who sleeps the soundest in your troop?»

«Sgt Austin, Sir.»

«Tell him the CO wants a penetration from the South . . . about five minutes ago.»

«Hey, is that a tent on fire over there?»

«Nope, just 41C moving out.»

### Swift thrust III

«Gentlemen, orders. We've moving the screen back, the rest of the Regiment wants to play for a while before the Exercise ends.»

«Where are we crossing, Sir?»

«We pass through A Sqn's lines. You can pick up your UN Flags on the way out.»

«Well, that's it. Ex Cease Fire. Cpl Napier, run over to the CP and tell WO Fougere FALLEX is over and he can come out now.»

### Centennial

MCpl Derepentigny wins the Exkhardt Trophy.

«Dat were nice goings MCpl. We is ferry prout of youse. Felicitations 'an keep dems good works hup.»

«Welcome to the Guard of Honour, Sir. We would like very much to give you a Present Arms.»

«Guard – Present Arms.»

«Sir, could you tell me if the Guard is wearing drill boots or sneakers?»

«March them off Warrant . . . then call Freddy Heinekin and tell him I'll be placing an order.»

«Permission to call them to Attention first . . . Sir!»

Recce Squadron wins the Sports Afternoon. The Chain of Command Race put us over the top. WO Fougere filled in for WO Reinson who was getting his stomach pumped out after the Pig-Out Contest. Maj Wilkie was slipped into Troop Speck's NBC Suit and tossed to the finish line.

With the close of the Centennial Celebrations we turned to WO Berger and his band of mechs to get us ready for ATI. Their efforts on our behalf ensured we made a good showing when the NIT-PICKERS arrived.

Christmas time and parties galore. We all sat back and reflected on the year's activities hoping, in true Recce fashion, that none of our exploits had been seen.



HMS Bounty and crew



WO Ellis and «das Boot»



Cpl Billinger holds an O Group prior to an assault on Berching.



I know that cleanliness is next to godliness, but this is a bit ridiculous.



Tpr Gignac greets visitors to «D» Sqn lines in Berching.





Tpr Forward shows off his fishing tackle to Capt Appleton.



Garbage-guts Wilkerson polishes off the feast.



«You're right! I really can see through any material with these goggles.»

2nd Corps  
French Forces in Germany  
3rd Armoured Division

### 12e Régiment de Cuirassiers — 1983

The 12e Cuirassiers, the tank regiment of the 3rd Armoured Division stationed at Freiburg, followed its normal training sequence in 1983 of which the high points were two concentrations:

- Mourmelon in March
- Munsingen in June

It was during these weeks that the cohesion between the tank crew commander (regular army) and his crew (draftees serving a 12-month period) was cemented. The system of conscription employed replaces one fifth of our soldiers every two months. After four weeks of instruction the young recruits are presented to the standard of the regiment and are introduced to the battle honours won by their predecessors on the fields of battle in the two World Wars.

The long history of the regiment and its numerous past glories are frequently marked with ceremonies. This year we are returning to the Marne near Eperney where, since June 1916, a plaque has commemorated the transformation of the regiment from cavalry. On these occasions we frequently have the opportunity to be visited by comrades who served in these hours of glory. This permits our young soldiers to fully understand the events which occurred there.

On the 22nd of April, St George's Day, a traditional celebration of the Armoured Cavalry Corps, the 12e Cuirassiers will be honoured by the presence of General Rouvillois who is celebrating his 80th birthday with the Cuirassiers. It was he who commanded the regiment, already 40 years of age, when the 12e Cuirassiers were part of the 2nd Armoured Division of General LeClerc in the army of Patton. They were the first to enter the city of Strasbourg and liberate the capital of Alsace on 23 November 1944.



*Embarquement/loading*



*Parés, les chars sont prêts à partir sur le terrain/Ready to move*



Sur le terrain les ennemis s'affrontent . . . / *Confronting enemy forces on exercise*





Quelques vues  
lors d'une cérémonie  
en l'honneur  
des Anciens  
de  
1914 - 1918

*Some scenes  
from the ceremony  
honouring old comrades  
from the First World War*

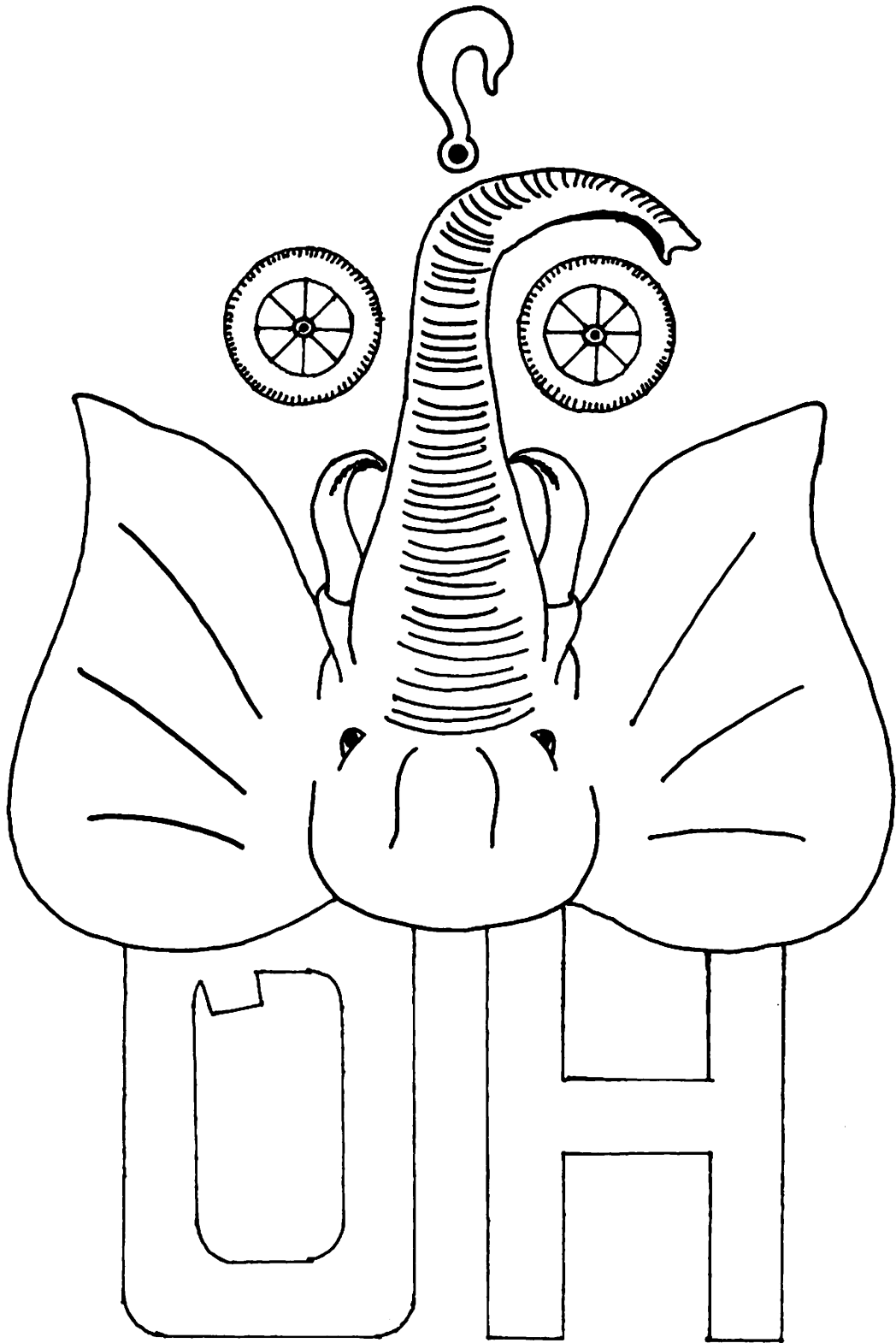




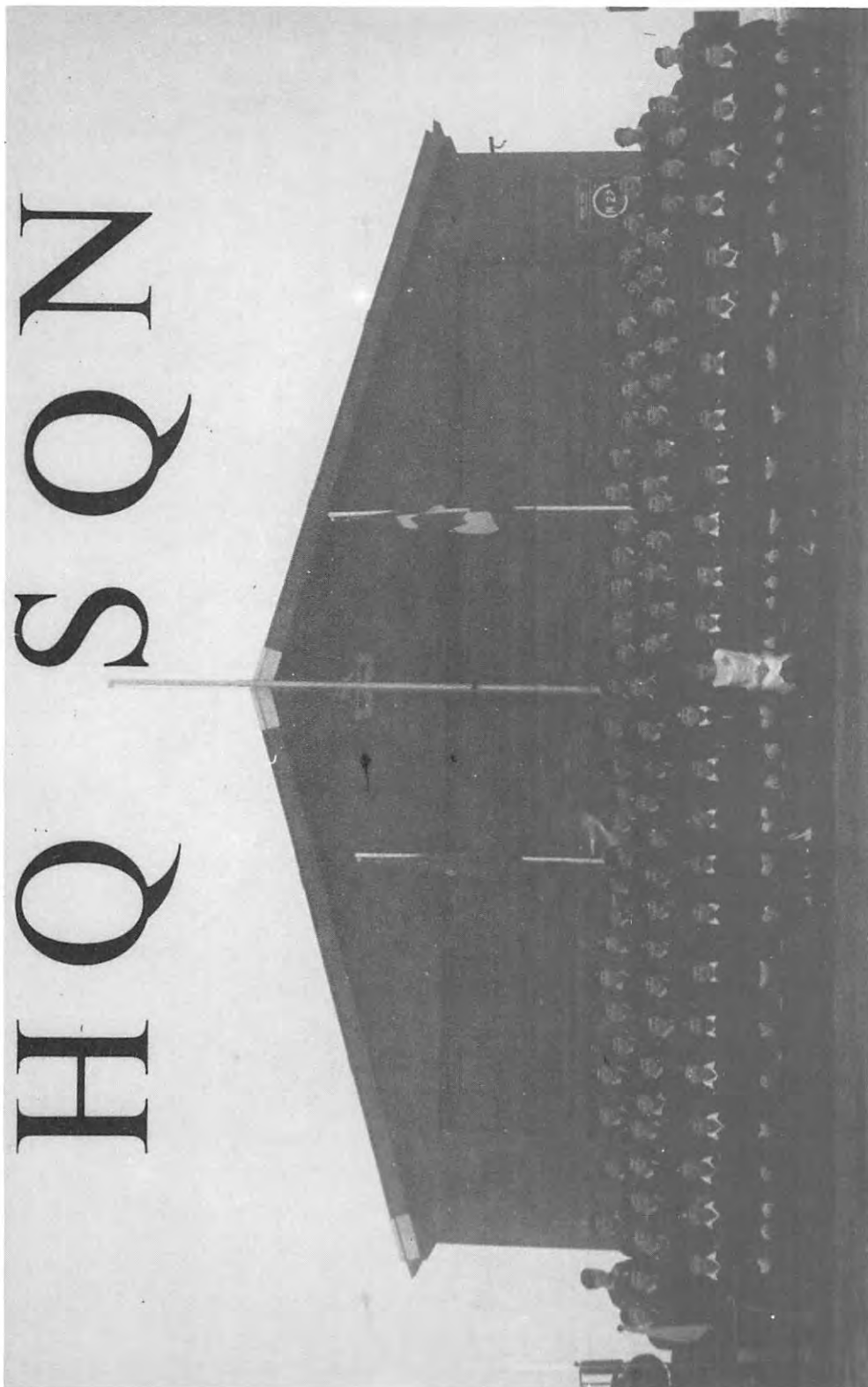
Le Général Rouvillois,  
qui libéra Strasbourg le 23.11.1944  
à la tête du 12e Cuirassiers,  
a fêté ses 80 ans dans son régiment.



*General Rouvillois,  
who liberated Strasbourg  
on 23 November 1944  
at the head of 12e Cuirassiers,  
celebrated his 80th birthday  
with the regiment.*







HQ Squadron

## HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

1983 was one of the busiest years ever for HQ Squadron. January started off with ATI and the many preparations that accompany it. The long hours of work by Maintenance Troop and Transport bore fruit as the squadron received good marks from the inspection team.

February and March saw the Officers of the squadron deeply involved in a intense study program designed to enhance their knowledge of RCD history. The squadron also supported the Regiment at Heuberg during the small arms gun camp.

Once again we provided support for the Regiment in Bergen-Hohne during the annual gun camp in April. Some members of the squadron were seen doing their own battleruns at a remote range called «Five Mark Alley». They managed to complete the run with a few hits and only minor casualties. Immediately following gun camp A Squadron began training for CAT 83 and was part of the winning team in June. At least part of their success must go the HQ Squadron for the undying support given throughout.

The squadron said goodbye to many of its personnel in July as the annual rotation took a heavy toll of casualties. Maj Carruthers passed the reins of power to Maj Hook and the time came to initiate new members to the fold. Soon after arrival the squadron headed for Munsingen for training and Regimental support. The tank squadrons kept the UMS very busy as everyone seemed to be accident prone. Fortunately we got our act together by Fallex and injuries were light.

By the end of September we were all back in the North Marg preparing for the Leleifontein Celebrations. WO Martin and his maintenance crew augmented by transport deserve a vote of thanks for an excellent paint program. In only two weeks they painted every jeep, truck, and trailer in the Regiment. The job of supporting many of the Leliefontein activities fell to HQ Squadron and especially Regimental Transport who worked long hours to cater to the needs of the many guests present. A word of thanks also goes to Sgt Morris and his RP staff who attended most functions but never got inside the front door. They spent long hours in the damp cold providing security while the remainder of the Regiment celebrated inside.

We have almost come full circle. Can you believe two ATI's in one year? This year our inspection came in December which officially makes it two in 1983. So HQ Squadron has put aside the party hats and the hangovers and the long hours begin again (or just continue)!

Now we can say goodbye to 1983 and look back with a great deal of satisfaction. We worked hard and played hard in what was probably one of the busiest years in recent history. The truckers and the grease monkeys wish to say congratulations for 100 years of history and good luck in the next century.

## THE RCD WIVES CLUB

The RCD Wives Club is an organization of servicemen's wives of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. The main objectives are to help other wives when assistance is needed and to provide a way for women to meet socially.

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## HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

1983 was one of the busiest years ever for HQ Squadron. January started off with ATI and the many preparations that accompany it. The long hours of work by Maintenance Troop and Transport bore fruit as the squadron received good marks from the inspection team.

February and March saw the Officers of the squadron deeply involved in a intense study program designed to enhance their knowledge of RCD history. The squadron also supported the Regiment at Heuberg during the small arms gun camp.

Once again we provided support for the Regiment in Bergen-Hohne during the annual gun camp in April. Some members of the squadron were seen doing their own battleruns at a remote range called «Five Mark Alley». They managed to complete the run with a few hits and only minor casualties. Immediately following gun camp A Squadron began training for CAT 83 and was part of the winning team in June. At least part of their success must go to the HQ Squadron for the undying support given throughout.

The squadron said goodbye to many of its personnel in July as the annual rotation took a heavy toll of casualties. Maj Carruthers passed the reins of power to Maj Hook and the time came to initiate new members to the fold. Soon after arrival the squadron headed for Munsingen for training and Regimental support. The tank squadrons kept the UMS very busy as everyone seemed to be accident prone. Fortunately we got our act together by Fallex and injuries were light.

By the end of September we were all back in the North Marg preparing for the Leleifontein Celebrations. WO Martin and his maintenance crew augmented by transport deserve a vote of thanks for an excellent paint program. In only two weeks they painted every jeep, truck, and trailer in the Regiment. The job of supporting many of the Leleifontein activities fell to HQ Squadron and especially Regimental Transport who worked long hours to cater to the needs of the many guests present. A word of thanks also goes to Sgt Morris and his RP staff who attended most functions but never got inside the front door. They spent long hours in the damp cold providing security while the remainder of the Regiment celebrated inside.

We have almost come full circle. Can you believe two ATI's in one year? This year our inspection came in December which officially makes it two in 1983. So HQ Squadron has put aside the party hats and the hangovers and the long hours begin again (or just continue)!

Now we can say goodbye to 1983 and look back with a great deal of satisfaction. We worked hard and played hard in what was probably one of the busiest years in recent history. The truckers and the grease monkeys wish to say congratulations for 100 years of history and good luck in the next century.



Regimental Transport present hoods for BGen Evraire, Comd 4 CMBG.



RHQ HQ Sqn Officers (to the right of your screen) enjoying a little repast during Munsingen 83.



«What do ya mean I'm supposed to keep records» or Sgt Cloake teaches Tpr Poirier the correct way to wear a beret.



MCpl Sepper is alive and weld.



MCpl Carter and MCpl Doucette are seen here trying to generate a little action.



Tpr Colpitts doing an untiring job for regt maint.





Cpl MacDonald wpns tech tries to patch up holes in the GPMG barrel.



« . . . come on Dad, you keep saying you have to go to work. This isn't work, this is fun ».



Pte Strong FCS — trying to cure a small discharge problem.



Cpl Belliveau the regt carpenter sinking his teeth into his work.



Tpr Barr and Cpl Lumley — TPT. Wouldn't it be easier to use electricity.



MCpl MacDonald helps to stamp out delays in the regt po.

## HISTORICAL SECTION

### THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS WILL COME HOME TONIGHT

The Royal Canadian Dragoons will come home and, unseen by the cheering thousands, a troop of ghostly cavalymen will ride over the streets to greet them – cavalymen on horses whose hooves leave no imprint in the soft snows: cavalymen whose helmets gleam in the winter moonlight; cavalymen whose sabres are lifted in silent salute and whose speechless lips form the words «Well Done!»

For, The Royal Canadian Dragoons is Canada's senior regiment, and it has ridden triumphantly through the years since 1883. Note well the banners of service – North West Canada, 1885; South Africa, 1900.

A gap, then, but another group of battle flags, stained by blood and mud and glory: Festubert, 1915; The Somme, 1916, 1918; Bazentin; Cambrai, 1917, 1918; St. Quentin; Amiens; The Hindenburg Line; Beaurevoir; Pursuit to Mons; France and Flanders, 1915-1918.

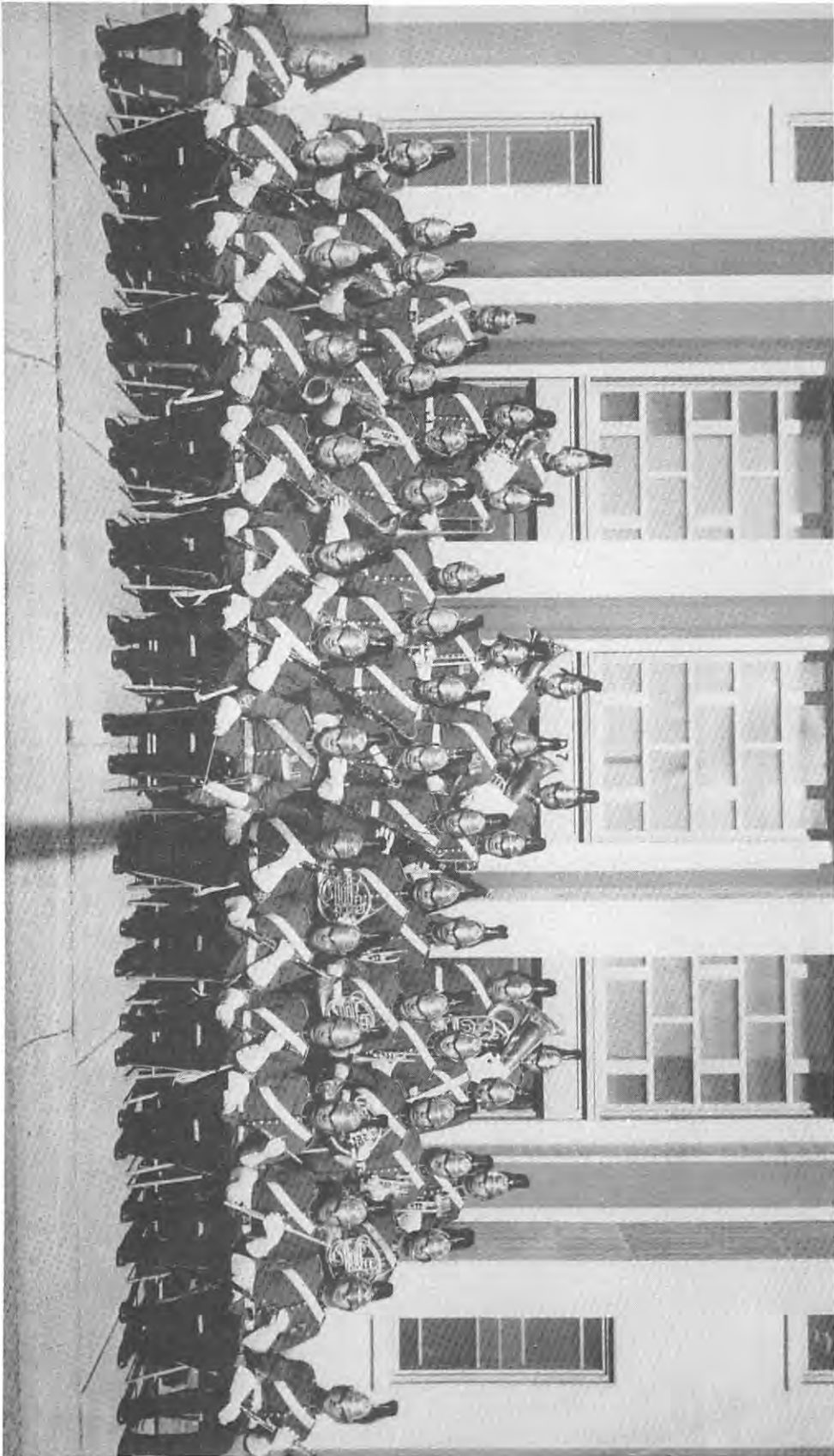
Time, speeding onward, out-paced the horse. Those who return tonight are the new generation of cavalymen. The horse was superseded by the speedy scout car and high-powered armored vehicles. The cavalry became the probing fingers of the Army's mighty hand – darting deep into the enemy's territory, seeking out his strength and his weakness – helping to win victory!

And so, The Royal Canadian Dragoons come home tonight to retrieve their Regimental Colors which, since 1941, have reposed in St. John's Garrison Church, awaiting this hour of triumph.

New banners will flutter in the sunlight of the countless tomorrows. They will bear the legends: Ortona; Gustav Line; Hitler Line; Gothic Line; Friesland Peninsula and Wilhelmshaven.

Tonight, we will be with that ghostly troop of cavalymen who will look on with joy for the living and sorrowful pride for the dead – and our hearts will echo their unspoken words: «Well done!»

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EXCERPT FROM THE «TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL» 13 OCTOBER 1935

«Even blasé New Yorkers stopped to look at the colorful column of Royal Canadian Dragoons pictured here proceeding up Broadway on their way to a performance at Madison Square Gardens.»



RCD embark for South Africa on the SS Milwaukee.





EXCERPT FROM THE «NIAGARA FALLS ADVANCE»  
ORIGIN OF THE MUSICAL RIDE

Many Niagara people have been in attendance at the Royal Winter Fair, where they saw the musical ride staged by the RCMP. This caused a discussion locally as to the origin of the musical ride. The «Advance» has it from good local authority that the musical ride was started in 1893 by RSM Denley and the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Most people here remember the musical ride demonstrated by this famous cavalry regiment which was stationed each summer at Niagara Military Camp.



#### EXTRACT FROM THE «SPUR AND SPROCKET»

On 26 August 1983, «it was «D» Squadron's task to push ahead and guard the flanks . . . in crossing the Foglia, two cars of the left troop bogged down, engaged in a machine-gun dual with the enemy and were finally hauled out by the squadron recovery detachment.»



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C/S «Niner» leaves the only set of track marks ever to be put on the knife-edge.

## PANZER BATTALION 293

1983 was a year of many activities for 293 Panzer Battalion. One of the main activities was the CAT competition in Bergen-Hohne with our Canadian friends in CENTAG. Panzer Battalion 293 was very proud as we provided the winner of their competition. We also hosted a visit by officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons during February and later had an exchange of troops that proved to be very successful.

On 23 September 1983 the Battalion had a change of command between LCol Gerd Stamm and LCol Friedemann von Heimendahl and from 17 to 20 November took part in Exercise «SCHNELLE HILFE», where the Battalion had to prove itself. During a land and air operation 29 Panzer Brigade and a Mechanized Panzer Grenadier Battalion formed a bridge head on the Donau in Bavaria so that tanks of Panzer Battalion 293 could cross the river. After this, the Battalion put in an attack of approximately 200 km where the enemy was destroyed. During the last part of the exercise the Battalion was in a defensive position against another enemy.

Panzer Battalion 293 wishes its partnership regiment and friends luck and success in 1984.



Left to right are: LCol von Heimendahl, Col Gottelman, commander 293 Pz Bn and LCol Stamm.



Officers of the RCD attend a Dog and Pony at 293 Panzer Battalion.



The Commander-in-Chief of Allied Central Europe, General Dr. von Senger u. Etterlin, congratulates the soldiers of 293 Panzer Battalion on their success at CAT 1983.

## **Boeselager 1983**

Each year since 1971 the Bundeswehr has sponsored the Boeselager Cup Competition to test recce skills at the patrol level. The Boeselager Cup is in memory of Oberst Freiherr von Boeselager who was killed while commanding the 3rd Cavalry Brigade on the Russian front during World War II. His name stands for the military values of gallantry, bravery and comradeship which are still valid today.

Testing, team selection and intensive training for the RCD team began immediately after the Brigade Commander's inspection in January and covered all the basic recce skills. Physical fitness, AFV recognition, uniform and aircraft identification, swimming, SMG shooting and night orienteering were all important to doing well and thus were thoroughly covered. The training culminated with the final competition at Augustdorf during the last week of May.

The team spent the first two days in Augustdorf training in the competition area and getting a feel for the other competitors. A light rain failed to dampen the opening ceremonies on 25 May as the flags of the nine participating nations were raised. The opening ceremonies were followed by an international meet and greet complete with band, food and beer. Training requirements, however, meant a dry night for the RCD team members.

Four events were scheduled for the first day. A demanding fifty meter swim in combats while pushing a pack, the skilled driving test, a helicopter recce and the gruelling night orienteering march (run). Cpl Baril and MCpl Burke boosted team confidence with an excellent performance during the driving test and the helicopter recce was cancelled because of unsuitable weather. The night orienteering march unfortunately proved a frustrating experience for the team who ran many more than the required 18 km. Although we did poorly in that event, the team displayed great spirit and a lot of heart as it gave 100 per cent even after 10 hours of continuous running. With only two hours rest the team then turned in a very creditable performance in the vehicle recce patrol early on day two.

We needed strong finishes in the final three events to recover the ground we had lost. The shooting event, with half of the patrol engaging various targets at the same time, went well and was followed by the AFV recognition test where we placed second overall. For the last event the team gave an all out effort and finished third in the four kilometre cross country race.

The final ceremonies and party completed an excellent and exciting week. We placed a respectable sixth out of 12 allied teams and ninth out of 23 teams overall. Our recce skills, physical fitness and general training had been tested, and we had not been found wanting!

### **Team members**

Tpr Forward	Lt Kitchen	Tpr Beauvais
Cpl Baril	MCpl Burke	Tpr Malczynski
Tpr Vantilburg		Tpr Cox
	Spares: Cpl Payne	
	Tpr Graham	

### **Competing Nations**

Belgium	Canada	Great Britain
France		The Netherlands
Germany		Turkey
Italy		United States



Canada's Best — RCD Boeselager Team 1983



The skilled driving test required errors at no more than a few centimetres to produce a winning score.



The recce patrol — what do you see?





An all-out effort for the final event: a 4-km cross-country run.



... I hope I wrapped it tight enough; I've got to wear those clothes after this swim!

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CFH Europe receives a rocking chair and a Milton Kit from the wives' club.



RCD Wives' Club booth during the Leliefontein Volksmarsch in October.

## LEOPARD GUNNERY COURSE 8301

On the 26th of September the annual Leopard Basic Gunnery Course began with the usual instructor standardization and course preparation. For most of the IG staff it was their first chance to instruct on a Leopard Basic gunnery course and lots of extra effort and time was put into instructor preparation. To their credit everything was ready to go when the 25 candidates arrived from the various squadrons.

A positive attitude was taken from the very beginning by all students. The «Standard» was clearly established and was carefully explained. Then, through the time proven gunnery methods consisting of daily theory tests and hands on PO checks this standard was enforced. The theory portion and the practical side of the course went well and the candidates were prepared for the challenge of the Course Range Qualification in Bergen Hohne.

Comfortably established on Range 5A and efficiently supported by A Squadron the course spent a week completing their firing. Blessed with good weather all the qualifying shoots were completed during the five firing days available. Some real gunnery «Stars» were born during the shooting, especially during the stab runs.

Twenty two new gunners joined their squadrons in November and became a vital part of their respective squadron's gunnery program.



Basic Leopard Gunner Course 8301

## SPORTS 83

1983 was, as always, an extremely busy year for the Regiment. It was an equally busy and fast paced year in sports as we endeavoured to increase the physical fitness level of all Dragoons (with or without their acquiescence).



### CFE Champions

Unfortunately our only unit championship team in 1983 was the RCD Wildcats, our soccer team. They had established a dynasty by winning the CFE championship the preceding three years and were determined to repeat again. Their season was completed without a loss and teams bowed one by one in the play-offs. The final game against the proud Van Doos proved to be a tough one but with the guidance of coach WO McPherson the team played (fought) to a 4-2 win. The soccer team now represents CFE in matches against European clubs.



### Inter-Squadron Leagues

Inter-squadron leagues were formed around Wednesday afternoon sports and, depending on the season, included soccer, softball, hockey, broomball, orienteering and curling. The large number of teams and leagues meant that everybody had an opportunity to participate in the sport of their choice. New skills were learned, physical fitness improved and a bit of aggressiveness instilled.

### Brigade Sports Competition

The Brigade Sports Competition was held 5 and 6 October at the Max Planck School sports field. The first day was dedicated mainly to qualifying heats with the second day for event finals. We were again faced with the prospect of competing against the 750-man infantry battalions in sports more akin to their job than ours. That didn't deter us, however, and despite the short training time imposed by FALLEX our athletes gave their best. Cpl Malczyski won the 800-m run to give us our only first place finish. Our Harriers, Forced March Team and Paarlaut teams all turned in third place finishes. However, for the first time we've now identified many of the athletes in the Regiment and will be able to produce even stronger teams in the future.





### Regimental Fun Sports Day

BGen Gautier declared the games open at 1300 hours on 9 November. The sports were varied, from the Chuck Wagon Race to Murder Ball to the Pig Out Contest, and allowed almost everybody to participate. Highlights included Tpr Worrell's flight (after being bounced off the Murder Ball by six hefty soldiers), HQ Squadrons jet propelled Chuck Wagon, B Squadron's «light» Tug of War Team (lightest man on the team was 195 lbs) and the opportunity to dunk the CO, OCs, RSM and SSMS via the newly incorporated Dunking Machine. D Squadron, with the skill and cunning gained by recce, were the overall winners of the games. Maj Wilkinson proudly accepted the Leliefontein Fun Sports Day Trophy, was hoisted to the shoulders of two of his victorious athletes and then was promptly thrown in the tank again!



### Morning PT or «Get Down and Give Me 20»

Morning PT throughout the Regiment was assigned a high priority and made challenging. We were thrown around by the CO and his Unarmed Combat Team one morning a week (it was rather difficult to suffocate gracefully when you were in a «Naked Choke» with both hands pinned) and flailed through the Obstacle Course another. The remaining two days included a rigorous routine of calisthenics and running. The route around the airfield became a familiar part of everybody's program.



**REGIMENTAL LIST**  
**21 December 1983**

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Capt B.J. Forsyth  
Capt C.J. Glauninger  
Capt R.M. Hutchings  
Capt J.R. Sulik  
CWO R.J. Marriott

WO J.F. Egan  
MCpl J.G. Bartlett  
MCpl K.H. Hammel  
MCpl H. Overink  
MCpl D.J. Stearns  
Cpl D.P.J. Bazin  
Cpl D.T. Gabbard  
Cpl K.D. MacDonald

Cpl C.T.M. Seefried  
Tpr F.C.J. Beauvais  
Tpr J.J.N. Gendron  
Tpr G.P. Houston  
Tpr J.G.A. Lapointe  
Tpr J.K. Leclair  
Tpr G.A. Silliker  
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Capt R.J. Hillier  
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Cpl W.K. Brown  
Cpl S.K. Griffin  
Cpl T.V. Webber  
Tpr J.M.B. Cote  
Tpr D.J. Fee  
Tpr G.M.E. Kenty  
Tpr I.T. McTaggart  
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Sgt D.R. Proctor  
MCpl G.A. Prowse  
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Cpl J.E.D. Poitras  
Cpl K.D. Sylvestri  
Tpr A.J. Bates  
Tpr M.G. Brabant  
Tpr V.G. Champion  
Tpr G.I. Lorenza  
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MCpl L. Lebel  
Cpl L.F. Snow  
Cpl V.J. Fortune  
Tpr Dobbin  
Tpr B.K. Gell  
Tpr M.R. Gallerio  
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MCpl A.G. Schnurr  
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Tpr S.P. Hayes  
Tpr S.D. Kuhn  
Tpr D.P. Plovie  
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